**CPE 53rd Advisory: Extension of Stabilisation Phase**

Dear Sirs,

1. On 20 October 2021, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced the extension of the Stabilisation Phase for tightening of community safe management measures, given the continuing pressures on the healthcare system. **This is with effect from 25 October 2021 through 21 November 2021 (inclusive).** There will be a review of the measures two weeks after implementation and adjustments will be made further based on the community situation then. A further announcement was made on 23 October 2021, on measures planned to eventually enable the safe resumption of activities. The MTF media releases are attached below.



**Requirements for Private Education Institutions (PEIs)**

*National SMMs*

1. For avoidance of doubt, all PEIs must continue to abide by all prevailing national safe management measures (SMMs), as outlined in the 48th and 51st Advisories. This include but are not limited to prevailing measures on Safe Distancing, and Vaccinated-Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) on dining in, and access to PEIs in shopping malls.
2. PEIs should check [www.gov.sg/features/covid-19](http://www.gov.sg/features/covid-19) for the latest updates and advisories.

*Sector-Specific Guidelines for Higher Risk Activities*

1. PEIs are also required to adhere to all prevailing guidelines for higher-risk classes and activities on campus. Additional safe management measures apply for Sport or Physical Activity, Dance, Singing, Wind/Brass Instrument, Voice Training, Speech and Drama Classes:
2. For all sport or physical activity classes, as well as outdoor dance classes, please refer to the Sport Singapore advisory, available at: <https://www.sportsingapore.gov.sg/Newsroom/Media-Releases>
3. For indoor dance classes, singing, wind/brass instrument classes, voice training, and speech and drama classes, please refer to the National Arts Council (NAC)’s advisory, available at <https://www.nac.gov.sg/whatwedo/support/sustaining-the-arts-during-covid-19/Safe-Management-Measures-for-the-Arts-and-Culture-Sector.html>
4. Live Performances: Live performances are permitted, subject to the relevant SMMs outlined in NAC’s advisory. PEIs should seek approval from SSG prior to organising live performances.

*Workplace Measures*

1. **Work-from-home (WFH) will continue to be the default** for employees who are able to work from home**.** During this period, the 10-day snap WFH regime will be suspended. There should continue to be no cross-deployment of staff as a default. Social gatherings at workplaces are disallowed. Please refer to the MOM [website](https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-measures) for the full workplace SMMs. Employers should also continue to stagger the start times of employees who need to return to the workplace and implement flexible working hours.
2. PEIs should also continue to be judicious in only allowing staff whose work must be done onsite, e.g. to support students attending in-person classes, provide other essential services or access lab-based equipment, to return, subject to SMMs. This group of employees is strongly encouraged to self-test weekly via an Antigen Rapid Test (ART) to keep infected employees from coming to work and keep their workplace safe. The ART should be completed within 24 hours before the expected end of their return to the workplace, and the employee should only return if tested negative. This should also apply to employees, on-site contractors and vendors, who need to return to the workplace for ad hoc reasons.
3. **[New]** From 1 January 2022, only employees who are fully vaccinated[[1]](#footnote-1), or have recovered from COVID-19 within the past 270 days, can return to the workplace. Unvaccinated employees will not be allowed to return to the workplace unless they have tested negative for COVID-19 before returning to the workplace, and they will need to pay for the costs of these tests. The test should be a Pre-Event Test at an MOH-approved COVID-19 test provider (<https://www.moh.gov.sg/licensing-and-regulation/regulations-guidelines-and-circulars/details/list-of-covid-19-swab-providers>), and must be valid[[2]](#footnote-2) for the duration that the employees are required to be present at the workplace. More details will be shared via a separate press release jointly issued by MOH and MOM, as well as in the tripartite advisory on vaccination at the workplace.

**[New] Adjustments to Supervisor Training Requirements and Management of AG+ Results from Fast and Easy Testing Rostered Routine Testing (FET-RRT) and Vaccinate or Regular Test (VoRT) Regimes**

1. Requirement for Supervisor Training for ESSS: The **4-hour HMI training is no longer a mandatory requirement** to perform the role of a supervisor for Employer Supervised Self Swab (ESSS). This is in view that most individuals are now familiar with ART self-swabbing. Most employers are also adopting virtual ESSS which makes the Infection Prevention Control (IPC) component of the course less relevant. Information on IPC measures for employers who continue to conduct ESSS on-site will be made available on MOH’s website.
2. As such, all training sessions starting from 1 Nov 2021 will not be funded. However, MOH will provide transitional funding for 1 week, and waive the fees for individuals **who have already signed up before 1 Nov 2021**, and still wish to attend the course from 1 to 7 Nov 2021 even after being informed of the change in requirement. **Any individual who attends the training after 7 Nov 2021 would need to bear the training cost.**
3. Submission of Ag+ Results: As there are no longer any immediate mandatory public health actions for Ag+ individuals, the submission period for Ag+ results for FET-RRT and VoRT will be **extended from within 30 minutes to within 12 hours.**
4. In view of these changes, SSG will update the FET-RRT and VoRT notices, and disseminate them to PEIs when ready.

**Social Responsibility**

1. PEIs must adhere to all prevailing SMMs on screening, hygiene and safe distancing:
2. Hygiene: High-touch surfaces should be cleaned frequently, and disinfection of premises should be carried out daily, if not more frequently.
3. Safe distancing: All students and staff are to wear masks at all times[[3]](#footnote-3). There should be staggered arrival and dismissal to reduce congestion and intermingling among students in school and on campus.
4. PEIs should regularly remind all students and staff that if they are unwell, even with mild flu-like symptoms, they should see a doctor immediately. They should minimize in-person interactions and isolate themselves at home as far as possible unless they need to attend to essential activities (such as medical appointments). Students and staff should adopt safe distancing and good hygiene practices at all times.
5. Please contact us via [CPE\_Registration@ssg.gov.sg](mailto:CPE_Registration@ssg.gov.sg) if you require any clarification. Thank you.

1. An individual is considered vaccinated if he/she a) has been fully vaccinated, i.e. received the appropriate regimen of World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective and b) had their vaccination records ingested in MOH’s IT systems. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Negative ART results are valid for 24 hours. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Children under 6 years old are not required to wear masks. Nonetheless, they are encouraged to wear a mask or face shield. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)