**CPE 63rd Advisory: Easing of Safe Management Measures**

31 March 2022

Dear Sirs,

1. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced on 24 March 2022 that Safe Management Measures (SMMs) will be eased, in view of improvements in the local COVID-19 situation. The press release is attached below. This advisory provides an update on key SMMs and parameters, as well as exemptions that Private Education Institutions (PEIs) are eligible for.



**Guidance for Private Education Institutions**

**National SMMs**

1. PEIs must continue to abide by all prevailing national SMMs set by MTF, including but not limited to group sizes, mask-wearing, workplace requirements, safe distancing, and capacity limits.
2. PEIs must also continue to abide with activity-specific adjustments, including for F&B establishments on PEI premises, live performances, and vocalisation activities.

**Sector-Specific Guidelines for Higher-Risk Activities**

1. PEIs are 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 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 at: <https://www.nac.gov.sg/support/covid-19/safe-management-measures-smms/latest-updated-smms-for-arts-and-culture-stakeholders>

**Exemption from Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) for Dining-In for Pre-Tertiary PEIs**

1. As announced in the CPE 54th advisory issued on 10 November 2021, PEIs offering pre-tertiary levels (i.e. up to equivalent of secondary schools and below) were provided with the option to apply for a dispensation allowing students, regardless of vaccination status, to dine in at the school canteen(s)/other designated dine-in area(s), as long as the school canteen(s)/other designated dine-in area(s) are exclusive for school use, and the public does not access these areas . This dispensation will cease on **28 March 2022.**
2. With effect from **29 March** **2022**, pre-tertiary PEIs (offering the equivalent of junior college levels and below) may apply for a new dispensation to allow students, regardless of vaccination status, to dine in **groups of up to 5.** This dispensation will **apply to only students (not staff).** For tertiary PEIs, they are to follow the prevailing national SMMs. Similarly, dining-in for all PEI staff will continue to be guided by prevailing workplace SMMs.
3. In alignment with MOE schools, pre-tertiary PEIs who wish to apply for the updated exemption from VDS for dining-in can do so via the following FormSG [link](https://go.gov.sg/pei-diningin), and declare that they will adhere to the following conditions:
   1. All individuals in the canteen(s)/designated dine-in area(s) are to dine in up to groups of 5 pax with 1m spacing;
   2. PEIs will adjust the seating configuration of the canteen(s)/designated dine-in area(s) to ensure that condition stated in paragraph 7(a) is adhered to, as far as it is practicable (e.g. demarcating seats on benches, distancing between chairs to ensure 1m spacing, etc.); and
   3. PEIs must not allow public access to the canteen(s)/designated dine-in area(s).
4. The exemption can be implemented upon confirmation by SSG.

**[Updated] Live Performances**

1. From **29 March 2022,** live performances will be allowed to resume at all venues, including F&B establishments. Groups that are involved in the performances must comply with all prevailing national SMMs.

**[Updated 31 March 2022]:** Live performances will be allowed to resume without separate applications and approvals, subjected to the latest NAC’s guidelines: <https://www.nac.gov.sg/support/covid-19/safe-management-measures-smms/updated-resumption-of-live-performances>

**Updates to Rostered Routine Testing (RRT)**

1. RRT will cease for all sectors, including PEIs, **from 29 March 2022**. With this, **the Government subsidies provided for PEIs on RRT will also end on 29 March 2022**. PEIs that have remaining kits that were already distributed to them for RRT are strongly encouraged to continue testing until the test kits are fully utilised.
2. Going forward, PEIs that wish to impose regular testing at the workplace at their own cost may do so. Individuals are still encouraged to self-test when they feel unwell or had recent contact with an infected person, and follow the necessary health protocols if they test positive. PEIs should continue to allow their employees to rest at home from their COVID-19 infection if they are tested positive, without the need for a medical certificate or recovery memo.

**Exemption from VDS for Indoor Unmasked Activities for All PEIs**

1. In alignment with MOE schools, PEIs will be given the option to apply for a dispensation, allowing students, who are not fully vaccinated, to participate in selected indoor unmasked activities (i.e., singing, playing of wind/brass instruments, indoor sports), after obtaining a negative self-administered Antigen Rapid Test (ART). Negative test results will be valid for 7 days from the date of test.
2. PEIs should ensure that students report their results, which must include a photo of ART kit with name, time and date indicated, and maintain records of students’ test results.
3. All PEIs who wish to apply for the exemption can do so via the following FormSG [link](https://go.gov.sg/pei-indoor-unmaskedactivities) from **29 March** **2022**. The exemption can be implemented upon confirmation by SSG.

**Parameters for Team Sports Pilot**

1. The MTF previously announced that there will be a pilot to allow all sports to proceed with up to 30 fully vaccinated persons (including players, coaches, umpires, etc.) at supervised/operated sports facilities (e.g. ActiveSG facilities and SportSG-approved private facilities).
2. SSG will advise on how the pilot will work for PEIs in a subsequent update. Until then, there will be no change to the current conditions and parameters of the Team Sports pilot (refer to CPE 57th Advisory).

**Mask-Off Rollout for Language and Literacy Lessons for Pre-Tertiary PEIs**

1. The Ministry of Education (MOE) and Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) have announced plans to gradually ease mask wearing requirements in schools, preschools and Early Intervention Centres. The press release is attached.



1. In alignment with MOE schools, pre-tertiaryPEIs will be given the option to apply for a similar dispensation, for the students (up to Primary 4 or equivalent)/ teachers of students **who have hearing or speech-related development needs (e.g. hearing impairment, speech articulation issues, dyslexia).**
2. **All PEIs with students that fall into the groups mentioned in paragraph 18 (i.e. up to Primary 4 or equivalent)** who wish to apply for the exemption can do so via the following FormSG [link](https://go.gov.sg/pei-maskoffclass) from **29 March** **2022**. As part of the application, PEIs will need to provide the following information in the Excel file attached:
   1. Name of PEI
   2. Name of Teacher/Student
   3. NRIC of Teacher/Student
   4. Duration of Programme Per Week (Total Hours)



1. The exemption can be implemented upon confirmation by SSG.
2. We expect the mask-off implementation to be extended to cover more groups in the next phase. We will update PEIs when more information is available.

**Workplace Requirements**

1. From **29 March 2022,** up to 75% of employees who are able to work from home may return to the workplace, an increase from the current posture of 50%.
2. Please refer to the MOM [website](https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-measures) for the full workplace SMMs.

**Social Responsibility**

1. All PEIs must continue to abide by prevailing national SMMs. PEIs should also check [www.gov.sg/features/covid-19](http://www.gov.sg/features/covid-19) for the latest updates and advisories.
2. Please contact us via [CPE\_Registration@ssg.gov.sg](mailto:CPE_Registration@ssg.gov.sg) if you require any clarification. Thank you.