

CPE 44th Advisory - Tightening of Selected Safe Management Measures in Phase Three (Heightened Alert) from 19 July 2021

Dear Sirs,

1. On 16 July 2021, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) updated the Phase 3 (Heightened Alert) measures for the period 19 July 2021 to 8 August 2021 (both dates inclusive).



Updates on Phase 3
Heightened Alert Mea

PEIs are required to comply with national safe management measures

2. All PEIs are required to abide by national safe management measures, at all times. PEIs should check www.gov.sg/features/covid-19 for the latest updates and advisories.

3. With effect from 19 July 2021, the permissible group size for higher-risk “mask off” activities such as F&B dining in and indoor sports or exercise will be adjusted to up to 2 persons (down from 5 persons previously).

4. The new measures also introduce a larger group size of up to 5 persons for higher-risk “mask off” activities for “cleared” individuals who fall into the following categories:

- a) A fully vaccinated person under the national vaccination programme using Pandemic Special Access Route (PSAR) authorised vaccines i.e. would have received both doses of Pfizer-BioTech/Comirnaty or Moderna vaccine, with an additional two weeks after the second dose for optimal protection;
- b) A person who has recovered from COVID-19 (within 270 days); or
- c) An unvaccinated person who has obtained negative result on a Pre-Event Test (PET) taken in the past 24 hours before the expected end of the activity.

5. Individual PEIs that have higher-risk “mask off” activities have the flexibility to decide whether to introduce the differentiated group sizes for “cleared” individuals as stated in para 4, depending on their student profile, operational needs, and their ability to check on the status of their students. Should they choose to do so, PEIs may request for relevant persons to verify their “cleared” status via HealthHub.

6. MOE schools and IHLs will not be implementing the additional measures for eligible individuals at this point in time, as the vaccination exercise for students in these entities are still ongoing. For avoidance of doubt, in recognition of the diversity of PEIs which cater to different student profiles and age groups, PEIs are not required to align their measures to MOE schools and IHLs. Nonetheless, PEIs with similar student profiles and which conduct similar activities are advised to continue to take reference from these and adopt where possible.

Sector-Specific Guidelines for Higher Risk Activities [Updated/New Areas in Red]

7. **[Updated]** 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, including differentiation of class size and group size, depending on activity, setting, and eligibility profile of students:

- a) 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>
- b) For indoor dance classes, singing, wind/brass instrument classes, voice training, and speech and drama classes, please refer to the National Arts Council'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>

Workplace Measures

8. **[Updated]** PEIs are reminded to continue to adhere to the tightened SMMs for the workplace. Working from home remains the default arrangement. PEIs should ensure all staff who are able to work from home continue to do so, continue to stagger start times of employees who need to return to the workplace, and implement flexible working hours. There should continue to be no cross-deployment of staff as a default. All social gatherings at the workplace must be cancelled or deferred. Please refer to the MOM [website](#) for the full workplace SMMs.

Social Responsibility

- 9. PEIs must adhere to all prevailing SMMs on screening, hygiene and safe distancing:
 - a. Screening: Students and staff who are unwell, or who have household members on Home Quarantine Order/Stay Home Notice or have adult household members with flu-like symptoms such as fever and cough, are required to stay away from school and campus.
 - b. Hygiene: High-touch surfaces should be cleaned frequently, and disinfection of premises should be carried out daily, if not more frequently.
 - c. Safe distancing: All students and staff are to wear masks at all times¹. There should be staggered arrival and dismissal to reduce congestion and intermingling among students in school and on campus.

¹ Children under 6 years old are not required to wear masks. Nonetheless, they are encouraged to wear a mask or face shield.

10. 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 minimise 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.

11. Please contact us via CPE_Registration@ssg.gov.sg if you require any clarification. Thank you.