

CPE 41st Advisory: Update on Phase 3 (Heightened Alert) Measures

Dear Sirs,

1. On 7 July 2021, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) updated the Phase 3 (Heightened Alert) measures. This includes the increase in the group size limit for higher-risk activities such as F&B dining in and indoor mask-off sports or exercise to up to 5 persons (instead of 2 previously), to align with prevailing social gathering group size. This will take effect from 12 July 2021. The current social gathering group size limit remains unchanged at 5 persons. The MTF media release is attached below:



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Guidance for Private Education Institutions (PEIs)

2. All PEIs must continue to abide by all prevailing national safe management measures (SMMs). In addition, they are strongly advised to take reference from the measures for schools and IHLs and decide if they wish to adopt any that are beyond national SMMs. More information on the latest plans and safe management measures for MOE schools and IHLs can be found in Annex A.

3. PEIs should check www.gov.sg/features/covid-19 for the latest updates and advisories.

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

4. PEIs must adhere to all prevailing guidelines for higher-risk classes and activities on campus.

5. Performances, Arts and Culture classes. The updated advisory issued by the National Arts Council for performances and arts and cultures classes can be found [here](#). PEIs must adhere to the advised measures. Higher-risk student activities involving singing, voice training, speech and drama, and playing of wind and brass instruments should continue to adhere to tightened SMMs as per NAC's advisory:

- a) **[Updated] Singing, Wind/Brass Instrument Classes:** PEIs may continue classes that involve unmasking and singing/playing of instruments that require expulsion of air for students of all ages. These include wind/brass instruments. Class sizes should be capped at 50 participants including the instructor (up from 30), with a maximum of the same 20 individuals (up from 10) allowed to be unmasked. Instructors must be masked throughout the duration of the class. Of the group that is unmasked, only the same 5 participants (up from 2) are allowed to sing and play wind instruments. Masked singing by other participants is not allowed.
- b) **[Updated] Voice Training, Speech and Drama Classes:** In-person voice training and speech and drama classes may continue subject to the capacity limit of 50 participants including the instructor (up from 30). Of the group that is unmasked, only a maximum of 20 participants (up from 10) may actively participate in voice training, speech or drama. Masks must continue to be worn as a default, unless

unmasking is necessary for the training activity(s). Of the group that is unmasked, only the same 5 participants (up from 2) are allowed to sing.

6. **[Updated]** Live performances. Live performances with audiences should be capped at 50 (without pre-event testing) and 250 (with pre-event testing). A maximum of 30 performers and crew will be allowed on stage and backstage at any given time, with a maximum of 10 performers unmasked at any given time. Of the 10 unmasked performers, there can be a maximum of 5 (instead of 2 previously) unmasked for singing and playing of instruments which require intentional expulsion of air. PEIs should seek approval from SSG prior to organising live performances.

7. **[Updated]** Mask-off sports / exercise activities. Both indoor and outdoor mask-off sports / exercise activities can take place in group sizes of up to 5 persons (up from 2 previously), and in classes of up to 50 persons (up from 30) including the instructor(s). There should be no intermingling between groups before, during and after the class, and they must remain 3 metres apart at all times. Individuals should have their masks on before and immediately after the activity. For indoor mask-off sports / exercise activities, individuals should restrict their use of these facilities to no more than 2 hours each time. PEIs can refer to the latest advisory by SportSG [here](#).

Workplace Measures

8. **[Updated]** PEIs are reminded to continue to adhere to the tightened SMM 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. Social gatherings at workplaces may resume at prevailing social gathering group size of no more than 5 persons in line with the broader community rules. Please refer to the MOM [website](#) for the full workplace SMMs.

Social Responsibility

9. PEIs must continue to 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, except when they are drinking or eating. 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 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.

11. PEIs that are SSG registered Training Providers must also comply with **SSG Circular/PPD/2021/11: Advisory on the Gradual Re-opening of Activities in Phase Three (Heightened Alert) from 21 June 2021**.

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

Phase 3 Heightened Alert Measures – Schools (updated/new areas in red)

- **[updated]** In-person CCA activities will gradually resume from the third week of Term 3, starting with low-risk activities for Sec/JCCI Levels. **CCAs may also resume for Pri Levels in the week of 26 July 2021.**
- Students to be seated according to exam-style seating arrangements in classrooms with no group work in the week of 28 June 2021. Group work of up to 5 persons to be resumed in the week of 5 July 2021, subject to national posture.
- Class-based unstructured play will be allowed.
- School-based examinations should still be carried out in classrooms or with no more than 50 students per venue.
- Level-based assemblies continue to be suspended.
- Face to Face (F2F) teaching activities can proceed at a maximum of 50 persons per venue.
- Face to Face parents' briefings will continue to be suspended and moved to virtual modes.
- **[updated]** Staff professional development (PD) should be conducted virtually as a default. If carried out in person for internal staff PD, they should be capped at 50 persons per venue with no groupwork. **Group work for up to 5 individuals will be allowed for school-based staff PD activities from the week of 5 July 2021. Currently, Face to Face inter-school PD is not allowed.**
- Schools should minimise visits by external parties, especially those involving interaction with students.
- There should be staggered dismissals and recess timings in schools. During recess, students are seated in fixed arrangement with at least 1m spacing in canteens, classrooms or at appropriate venues.

Phase 3 Heightened Alert Measures – IHLs (updated/new areas in red)

- Overall, on-campus presence for students should be capped at no more than 60% of the total student enrolment at any given point in time.
- To minimise risk of transmission on campus, IHLs must continue to cap in-person classes at no more than 50 persons, including the trainer(s). Classes or lectures with more than 50 persons must be conducted online.
- For the purpose of examinations and assessments, only classrooms or other suitable teaching venues should be used, with a cap of 50 persons (including invigilators/staff). All necessary safe management measures, including at least 1 metre distancing between individuals, mask-on at all times etc. must be implemented. Where practicable, IHLs may consider online assessments and examinations. Large-group examinations that were previously allowed for up to 250 persons, with zoning, will remain suspended until further notice.
- **[updated]** Dine-in at canteens, halls and designated classrooms will be allowed in groups of no more than **5 persons (instead of 2 previously)**, with at least 1 metre distancing between individuals, or if this is not possible, at least 1 metre distancing between groups of no more than 5 persons. There should be at least 1 metre distancing between persons in queues. Individuals should mask up when not consuming food and beverage and leave the dining hall immediately after finishing their meals.
- **[updated]** In line with the national guidelines, PEIs may open up other F&B outlets for dining-in, with at least 1 metre distancing between individuals, or if this is not possible, at least 1 metre distancing between groups of **no more than 5 persons (instead of 2 previously)**. There should also be 1 metre distancing between persons in queues.
- In-house student performances, where audience are seated and masked throughout the performance, will be allowed up to 250 persons (with PET). Student performances can be open to public, however the performing groups are to adhere to NAC's indoor live performance advisory.
- Graduation ceremonies should adhere to tightened SMMs for events that involve seated audience, i.e. up to 250 participants may be allowed with pre-event testing, and up to 50 participants may be allowed without pre-event testing.