**CPE 58th Advisory: Updates to Workforce Vaccination Measures and Application for School Assemblies for Pre-Tertiary Private Education Institutions**

Dear Sirs,

1. On 26 December 2021, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced an update to the approach for the management of the Omicron variant. The press release is attached below. This advisory updates on the changes to the Workforce Vaccination Measures, and the dispensation for large-scale school assemblies for pre-tertiary Private Education Institutions (PEIs).



**[Updated] Updates to Workforce Vaccination Measures**

1. All PEI staff (including non-employees such as vendors and contractors who work at your premises) must adhere to the Ministry of Manpower’s (MOM) Workforce Vaccination Measures (WVM) at all times.
2. From 1 January 2022, under the WVM, unvaccinated staff should work from home (WFH) wherever possible. Unvaccinated employees who need to return to the workplace will need to have a negative pre-event testing (PET) result (valid for 24 hours prior to entry). Medically ineligible unvaccinated employees are exempted from the PET requirement. PEIs should also continue to adhere to existing Safe Management Measures (SMMs) for the workplace as per MOM’s prevailing [advisory](https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-measures). **With the WVM in place, from 1 January 2022, up to 50% of staff who can work from home (WFH) can return to the office.**
3. **[New]** From 15 January 2022, the concession for unvaccinated staff to return to the workplace with a valid negative PET result will be removed. Staff who are partially vaccinated (i.e. have taken at least 1 dose of the vaccine but are not considered fully vaccinated) will be granted a grace period until 31 January 2022 to complete their vaccination regime. During the grace period, they may still return to the workplace with a valid negative PET result.
4. **[New]** All visitors to PEIs for work-related events (e.g. meetings) must adhere to the same requirements as PEI staff.
5. **For avoidance of doubt, the above supersedes the previous guidance on WVM in the 56th Advisory.**

**[New] School Assemblies for Pre-Tertiary PEIs**

1. In alignment with MOE schools, PEIs offering full-time pre-tertiary programmes (i.e. full-time students 12 years old and above (born in year 2010 and up to High School level)) will be eligible for a special dispensation to conduct large-scale school assemblies from January 2022. The conditions for the dispensation are appended in Annex A.
2. PEIs that wish to apply for the dispensation must do so via <https://go.gov.sg/pei-assembly>
3. Please note that any breach of the conditions/parameters governing the dispensation are subject to enforcement under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020. SSG will also conduct surprise enforcement checks on PEIs.

**Social Responsibility and National SMMs**

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. In addition to the above, PEIs are reminded to adhere to the following:
3. Hygiene: High-touch surfaces should be cleaned frequently, and disinfection of premises should be carried out daily, if not more frequently.
4. Safe distancing: All students and staff are to wear masks at all times[[1]](#footnote-1). There should be staggered arrival and dismissal to reduce congestion and intermingling among students in school and on campus.
5. PEIs should regularly remind all students and staff that if they are experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat etc., they should visit a Swab and Send Home (SASH) clinic via private transport for a doctor to assess and advise them on the next steps. Students and staff should adopt safe distancing and good hygiene practices at all times.
6. Please contact us via [CPE\_Registration@ssg.gov.sg](mailto:CPE_Registration@ssg.gov.sg) if you require any clarification. Thank you.

**ANNEX A**

**Dispensation for Large-Scale Assemblies**

*Who can apply*

1. This dispensation is applicable only to pre-tertiary PEIs offering full-time pre-tertiary programmes (i.e. full-time students 12 years old and above (born in 2010 and up to High School level)).
2. Participants: Only students 12 years old and above (including unvaccinated students) can take part in these assemblies.

*Parameters of Dispensation*

1. Venue: Within the premises of the PEI only.
2. Safe distancing: 1m safe distancing between individuals.
3. Zoning: 100 pax per zone, with 2m between each zone.
4. Mask-on/off: Masked.
5. Duration: No more than 30 mins.
6. Capacity: Subject to school’s venue capacity, taking into account the SMMs above, with a maximum of 300 students and staff.

1. Children under 6 years old are not required to wear masks. Nonetheless, they are encouraged to wear a mask or face shield. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)