

# CPE 69<sup>th</sup> Advisory: Further Easing of Safe Management Measures for Private Education Institutions

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Dear Sirs,

1. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced on 7 October 2022 that Safe Management Measures (SMMs) will be eased, as we resume normalcy in our daily activities. The press release is attached below. This advisory provides an update on key SMMs and parameters.



## **Guidance for Private Education Institutions (PEIs)**

## [Updated] National SMMs

- 2. All Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) will be lifted from 10 October 2022. This means that VDS will no longer be required for:
  - a) Events with more than 500 participants at any one time; and
  - b) Dining in at F&B establishments, including canteens and dining-halls on campus.
- 3. PEIs must continue to abide by all other prevailing SMMs set by MTF, including but not limited to mask-wearing in select settings.

#### [Updated] Exemptions for VDS

- 4. PEIs offering pre-tertiary levels could previously apply for a dispensation for students to, regardless of vaccination status, to dine in without group size limits (See 65<sup>th</sup> advisory issued on 25 April 2022).
- 5. PEIs offering secondary-levels and above could also apply for a dispensation to allow students who are not fully vaccinated, to participate in events with more than 500 persons, after obtaining a negative self-administered Antigen Rapid Test (ART). (See 65<sup>th</sup> advisory issued on 25 April 2022).
- 6. With the lifting of VDS from 10 October 2022, the aforementioned dispensations in paragraphs 4 and 5 will no longer be required, and cease on the same day.

### [New] Vaccination for Children

7. The Ministry of Health (MOH) will be rolling out primary vaccination for children aged 6 months to 4 years, and a booster dose for children aged 5 to 11 years, **from 25 October 2022.** 



8. More information on the registration/ onboarding process can be found in the press release attached, which can also be accessed <u>here</u>. PEIs offering levels for younger children may wish to refer parents/ guardians to the document/ link, should you receive any queries on the matter.

#### **Practising Social Responsibility**

- 9. PEIs should regularly remind students to exercise individual and social responsibility to protect themselves and the community by doing the following:
  - a) Monitoring their health and self-testing using ART kits if they are symptomatic. PEIs may also wish to extend additional support to students in financial need, e.g. by providing them with free ART kits, if necessary.
  - b) Wearing masks to protect themselves and others, such as when visiting crowded places or when interacting with vulnerable persons. In addition, if unwell, staff and students should mask-up and minimize in-person interactions.
  - c) Self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19, in accordance with MOH's prevailing guidelines and protocols.
- 10. PEIs should check <a href="https://www.gov.sg/features/covid-19">www.gov.sg/features/covid-19</a> for the latest updates and advisories.
- 11. Please contact your respective PEI's Account Manager if you require any clarification. Thank you.