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Safe Management Measures for Funeral Events

Thanks to everyone's efforts, our population has become more COVID-resilient, due to high vaccination and boosting rates and safe recovery from infections. We are now able to take another step towards living with COVID-19. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced on 24 August 2022 the further easing of our community Safe Management Measures (SMMs). The revised measures will take effect from **29 August 2022**. This document provides the conditions under which the Funeral Director or any person engaged to organise the funeral event, or premises owner of the venue where the funeral event is held when no person is engaged to organise the event, are permitted to carry out activities at funeral events.

Limits on Number of Attendees

1. There will no longer be a group size limit.
2. Religious workers, funeral staff and persons involved in the conduct of live instrumental music should be kept to a minimum.

Mask-Wearing

3. With effect from 29 August 2022, masks are no longer required in indoor settings, except for healthcare and public transport settings.
4. Attendees of funeral wakes, cremation and burial services are encouraged to continue to exercise responsibility and caution, such as wearing masks when in crowded places including outdoor non-enclosed places, or when visiting or interacting with vulnerable persons.

Food and Beverage

5. Food and drinks, including self-service buffet lines and individually packed food and titbits, are allowed to be served and consumed at funeral wakes. Singapore Food Agency (SFA) regulations and Food & Beverage (F&B) sector guidelines must be adhered to.
6. Food and drinks remain to be prohibited at NEA-managed facilities (e.g. Mandai Crematorium and Choa Chu Kang Cemetery).

Live Performances

7. Live performances, including instrumental music, such as live singing and playing of wind instruments (instruments which require intentional expulsion of air, e.g. trumpets, conch shell) are allowed at funeral events.

Health Check

8. Any person who is unwell must be turned away.

General

9. Discourage vulnerable persons, such as the elderly, from attending these events to protect their health and consider alternative solutions for them, such as live video screening instead.

10. Individuals are urged to continue to exercise personal responsibility and conduct self-testing, and practise good personal hygiene, especially prior to visiting crowded places or interacting with vulnerable groups. Those who are close contacts of an infected case should follow Protocol 3 – take an Antigen Rapid Test (ART) self-test and make sure they test negative before going out over the next 5 days.

11. Funeral staff is strongly advised to administer self-testing regime using the Antigen Rapid Test (ART) kits available for purchase over retail counters. Family members may also consider to perform self-testing if they are worried that they may have COVID-19 and want to put their mind at ease. For more information on ART self-test kits, please visit [https://www.moh.gov.sg/docs/librariesprovider5/art---self-test/simple-guide-to-art-self-test-kits-\(jul-21---web-version\).pdf?sfvrsn=3642cdc6_0](https://www.moh.gov.sg/docs/librariesprovider5/art---self-test/simple-guide-to-art-self-test-kits-(jul-21---web-version).pdf?sfvrsn=3642cdc6_0).