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Advisory on Safe Management Measures for Fruit Machine Rooms

Dear Permit Holders,

All Fruit Machine Rooms (FMRs) must adhere to the requirements as prescribed in the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020. In addition, all FMRs must comply with the general Safe Management Requirements listed at <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/general> and Sector-Specific Safe Management Measures (SMMs) for FMR listed in **Annex A**. The SMMs can also be found on the GoBusiness website at <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/sector/>.

Liability and Responsibility of Permit Holders

2. Permit Holders who do not comply with the above requirements may be liable for an offence under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 and may face a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or both, for the first offence. Higher penalties of a fine of not exceeding \$20,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or both, will apply for subsequent offences.

3. Permit Holders are encouraged to regularly check the following websites and Regulations for the prevailing SMMs that apply for its FMRs:

- a. GoBusiness website at :
 - i. <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/general>;
 - ii. <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/sector/>; and
- b. the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020.

4. In addition, Permit Holders are also encouraged to adopt some of the best practices listed in **Annex B**, to minimise the risk of re-emergence and transmission of COVID-19 in the community.

Contact Information

5. For further queries, please contact the Gambling Regulatory Unit (“GRU”) via email at [MHA_GRU_PL @MHA.gov.sg](mailto:MHA_GRU_PL@MHA.gov.sg) .

**SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR FRUIT MACHINE ROOMS
(For Mandatory Compliance)**

1. **Entry/Exit Measures for the Fruit Machine Room (“FMR”)**
 - a. **Control the number of persons permitted to enter and remain within the FMR at the same time** must always comply to the following measures, **whichever is lower**:
 - i. at 10 sqm per person based on the size of the FMR, **or**
 - ii. total of number of permitted playable Fruit Machines and not more than 3 employees / contractors of the clubs that need to support the operations of the FMR within the FMR at any point in time.
 - b. **Ensure clear physical spacing of at least 1 metre between members** while playing the Fruit Machines.
 - c. **Put up signs to remind members, staff and contractors** to observe the SMMs in place at all times.
2. **Management of ART-positive case (“Ag+”)**
 - a. **Employees who test ART-positive are not allowed to work in FMR.**
 - i. Ag+ employees who are physically well, can be allowed with work from home(“WFH”) arrangement if they are able to do so. If WFH is not possible, permit holders should treat the period of absence as paid sick leave.
 - ii. The affected FMR employee may only resume working at FMR if they are tested negative. Otherwise, they shall not allow to return work at FMR, until they are tested ART-negative.
3. **Implementation of SMMs plan**
 - a. **FMRs must implement the SMMs in para 1 and 2** as per the latest SMM plan submitted to and approved by GRU.

BEST PRACTICES ON SAFE MEASURES FOR FRUIT MACHINE ROOMS OPERATIONS**1. Safe Measures for the Fruit Machine Room (“FMR”) Operations**

- a. Conduct checks for respiratory symptoms for all persons prior to entry into the FMR. Persons who are unwell (i.e. having fever, and/or visible signs of respiratory illness, e.g. cough, sniffing, etc) should be asked to leave the FMR.
- b. **Actively monitor the health status** (including checks for respiratory symptoms) **of all persons within the FMR**. Any person within the FMR who is feeling unwell or showing symptoms of illness should be asked to leave immediately to consult a doctor, even if the symptoms appear mild.
- c. **Ensure that no social activities are provided within FMR** other than Fruit Machine gaming activities.
- d. **Ensure staff and contractors do not socialise or congregate within the FMR**. Staff and contractors should engage member only upon the member’s request for assistance and maintain a 1 metre distance when engaging the member.
- e. **Provide cleaning and disinfecting agents** at every playable Fruit Machine and at areas which are deemed as high touch surfaces, such as entrance/exit points, cashier’s counter, and kiosks (if any).
- f. **Ensure regular cleaning and disinfection of the FMR**, especially Fruit Machines with high touch points, adhering to the sanitation and hygiene advisories disseminated by the National Environment Agency (NEA), found at <https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines>.
- g. **All repair and maintenance works** shall be carried out after the operation hours of the FMR, unless such repair work is necessary for FMR to service its members.
- h. **Ensure contractors to complete the repair and maintenance works promptly** and leave the FMR immediately, after completion of the works.

2. Management of confirmed Covid positive case detected among FMR employees**a. Suspend FMR’s operations for cleaning:**

- i. **Cleaning of FMR** - Ensure thorough cleaning and disinfecting to the FMR has been performed, in accordance to NEA guidelines (<https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines>).
- ii. **Notify GRU** to resume FMR operations after completion of cleaning and disinfection to FMR, at least 3 hours prior to the opening the FMR to its members.

- b. **Inform GRU** within 3 hours upon detection of the Covid positive case for FMR employee with the following details:
 - i. Name of FMR employee tested Covid Positive
 - ii. NRIC
 - iii. Date detected with Covid positive

- c. **Conduct 2 Antigen Rapid Tests (“ART”) in 10 days for affected FMR employees.** The tests are to be conducted on the 1st and 10th day, starting from the day the Covid positive case within FMR was detected: -
 - i. Inform GRU for the ART test results conducted for the 1st day of Covid positive case detection.
 - ii. Inform GRU for the ART test results conducted on the 10th day starting from the day the Covid positive case within FMR was detected.
 - iii. The test results of the ART test submitted to GRU shall include the following:
 - I. Name of FMR employee
 - II. NRIC
 - III. Date of ART test conducted (i.e. 1st and 10th day)
 - IV. Results of ART test (i.e. Negative or Positive)

- d. **Inform GRU** at least 3 hours before the affected FMR employee as stated in para 2b, resume work at FMR. Otherwise, they shall not allow to return work at FMR, until they are tested ART-negative.

- e. **If there is another Covid positive case detected among employees within the 10 days period,** the FMR should perform the following:-
 - i. The operations of the affected FMR should be suspended, and the FMR must perform the Covid positive detection protocol stated in para 2a to 2c.
 - ii. Timeframe for affected FMR employees to conduct 2 ART tests will be reset i.e the affected employees will conduct 2 ART tests on the 1st and 10th day as stated in para 2c, from the detection of the subsequent Covid positive case.