

CPE 70th Advisory: Standing Down of COVID-19 Measures for Private Education Institutions

10 February 2023

Dear Sirs,

1. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced on 9 February 2023 that as the COVID-19 situation has remained stable in recent months, we will be stepping down the remaining COVID-19 measures and establish a new endemic COVID-19 norm.

2. A summary of key changes with effect from 13 February 2023, from MTF's announcement is given below:

- a. Mask-wearing on public transport and indoor healthcare and residential care settings will no longer be required under the temporary COVID-19 regulations.
 - i. The Ministry of Health (MOH) will retain the practice of mask-wearing for visitors, staff and patients in healthcare and residential care settings - in particular, when there is interaction with patients and in patient-facing areas. This will be a MOH requirement rather than mandated under COVID-19 Regulations. Such requirements will also apply if there are healthcare settings within your institutions.
 - ii. Mask-wearing will still be required as part of sectoral or industry regulations, such as the Singapore Food Agency's requirement for food handlers to maintain good hygiene standards.
- b. MOH will also stand-down Protocols 1-2-3 for the testing and isolation of COVID-19 cases. Private Education Institution (PEI) staff and students who are unwell or who have tested positive for COVID-19 are encouraged to continue exercising personal and social responsibility, by minimising social interactions, wearing masks, and avoiding crowded places.



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3. With the stepping down of community measures and shift to DORSCON Green from 13 February 2023, PEIs are no longer required to update MOH on any COVID-19 cluster within their premises as per indicated in the CPE 65th advisory. SSG will also be standing down the requirements in the COVID-19 advisories, last updated on 11 October 2022.
4. PEIs should take reference from prevailing community measures, while reminding staff and students to exercise individual and social responsibility. Should PEIs assess there is a need to impose mask-wearing or other additional requirements for specific settings, they should be ready to explain the rationale for such additional requirements.
5. Please contact your respective PEI's Account Manager if you require any clarification. Thank you.