

UPDATED SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR ARTS AND CULTURE STAKEHOLDERS

1. On 22 April 2022, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced the further easing of community safe management measures (SMMs).

Live Performances

2. From 26 April 2022, the following SMMs will apply for live performances:
 - a) No audience size limits for indoor or outdoor live performances.
 - b) VDS checks must be conducted for all live performances with more than 500 audience members. Organisers must ensure that the audience members are fully vaccinated or exempted from VDS*.

**Individuals who have recovered from a COVID-19 infection, medically ineligible for COVID-19 vaccination and children aged 12 and below are exempted from VDS.*
 - c) Audience members must be mask-on for indoor performances. Masks are encouraged but optional for outdoor performances.
 - d) Safe distance will not be required between individuals or groups, in mask-on and mask-off settings.
 - e) Audience participation is permitted, but audience members must be mask-on (unless it is an outdoors performance).
 - f) No restrictions on the number of performers and crew, or number of performers allowed to unmask for live performances and digital productions (including for singing or playing instruments that require intentional expulsion of air).
 - g) Sale and consumption of F&B is allowed. However, no self-service buffet will be permitted.

Note: NAC will retire the current VDS+Test pilot scheme, as there are no longer restrictions on the number of audience or performers and crew, subject to VDS where relevant. Live performance organisers who have already submitted or received approved for VDS+Test pilots may also apply the latest SMMs, as outlined in paras 2a-2g from 26 April 2022.

Arts and Culture Classes, Lectures, Talks and Workshops

3. From 26 April 2022, the following SMMs will apply for classes:
 - a) No class size limits, subject to prevailing fire safety and room capacity requirements.
 - b) Individuals may unmask in classes involving dance, singing, wind instruments, voice training and speech and drama.
 - c) Safe distance will not be required between individuals or groups, in mask-on and mask-off settings.

- d) It is encouraged that there be no sharing of equipment (e.g. props, musical instruments and microphones). If this cannot be done, equipment should be cleaned and/or disinfected before being used by others.
- e) As best practice, all surfaces are to be thoroughly cleaned and/or disinfected between classes and workshops.
- f) Venues should be as well-ventilated as possible.

Venue Hire Subsidy

- 4. The Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth has earlier announced an extension of its subsidy for venue hire and in-house production costs (where applicable). The subsidy level will be in place until 30 June 2022 at a level of 30%, and will be sunset thereafter. [For more details, please click here.](#)

Towards a Safe and Sustainable Reopening

- 5. NAC will deploy Safe Distancing Ambassadors (SDAs) to perform scheduled inspections at arts and cultural premises, to encourage compliance to SMMs. Arts and culture companies and practitioners who do not implement or comply with requirements may be required to cease operations, disqualified for government grants and assistance, and subject to penalties under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020. Additional penalties may be imposed on arts and culture stakeholders whose premises are found to have been a place of transmission of COVID-19, if they have not adhered to these requirements.
- 6. NAC will continue to work with arts and culture stakeholders, and relevant Government agencies, to expand and restart activities so that our arts practitioners can continue their good work. Further updates on the provisions and SMMs for these activities will be published here when available.
- 7. A safe and sustainable re-opening requires all of us to play our part. It is critical that we continue to exercise caution, adhere to SMMs, and practise social responsibility. Collectively, we can progressively re-open our economy and society while remaining safe.
- 8. For queries on the SMMs, please email NAC_Feedback@nac.gov.sg.