

UPDATED CIRCULAR ON SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES REQUIRED FOR TOURS RE-OPENING

Key Updates:

With effect from 26 Apr 2022:

- Tour size and group size limits are removed for all tours.
- Safe distancing is not required and intermingling is allowed for all tours.
- For tours with mask-off activities (such as F&B components or those which involve sports or physical exercise), participants are required to wear their masks after the mask-off activities if they continue to remain indoors, including on conveyances.
- For tours that involve entry into settings with Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) such as F&B establishments¹, vaccination status checks are not required. The onus is on the individuals to abide by the rules, where he/she must be:
 - i. fully vaccinated²;
 - ii. have recovered from Covid-19³ (if applicable);
 - iii. children aged 12 years and below (based on year of birth)⁴;
 - iv. certified medically ineligible⁵.

With effect from 1 May 2022:

- Submission of tours re-opening data to be made on the 2nd of every month.

1. On 22 Apr 2022, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced it would ease Safe Management Measures (SMMs) and make further progress towards living with COVID-19. In line with this, STB has updated the SMMs applicable to tours.
2. These measures may be adjusted further, subject to the prevailing public health situation in Singapore. The information in this circular supersedes that in previous advisories or statements.
3. Tour operators and tourist guides must comply with the latest requirements for Safe Management Measures (“SMMs”) found at <https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/general/>, the COVID-19 (Temporary

¹ This includes F&B at regular F&B establishments, hawker centres and coffee shops.

² This means they must have received the appropriate regimen of vaccines under the World Health Organisation Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL). Individuals may check whether they are considered “fully vaccinated” at <https://go.gov.sg/vax-status-query>.

³ All recovered persons from COVID-19 who are not fully vaccinated will only be given a 180-day exemption after infection to enter settings where VDS is implemented, including F&B establishments.

⁴ A grace period will be extended to children born in 2010 or later to allow them sufficient time to get fully vaccinated.

In addition, from 15 March 2022, unvaccinated children aged 12 years and below (based on year of birth) need not be from the same household to be included within a group entering premises or participating in activities with VDS.

⁵ To be certified as medically ineligible, individuals may visit a doctor familiar with their medical condition, or alternatively, any clinic or hospital to obtain a hardcopy doctor-certified memo.



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Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 found at <https://sso.agc.gov.sg/SL/COVID19TMA2020-S254-2020> and the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities – Control Order) Regulations 2020 found at <https://sso.agc.gov.sg/SL/COVID19TMA2020-S927-2020> (collectively “Control Order”).

REQUIREMENTS FOR TOUR OPERATIONS

4. Tour operators and tourist guides must continue to submit a set of required data by the 2nd of every month for the preceding month before 2pm. Submissions are to be made at go.gov.sg/covid19-touroperationsupdates. Information collected will be used only as internal reference for public policy purposes, and will not be shared with other tour operators and tourist guides.

ENFORCEMENT OF MEASURES

5. Under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, first-time offenders may be fined up to \$10,000, imprisoned up to six months, or both. Repeat offenders may be fined up to \$20,000, imprisoned up to twelve months, or both. Businesses that are not compliant may be ordered to cease business activities or close altogether. Under the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 Access Restrictions and Clearance) Regulations 2021, businesses that fail to comply with requirements thereunder will face a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and attendees that fail to comply will face a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both. Tour operators and tourist guides that are not compliant may also be ineligible for government grants, loans, tax rebates and other assistance, and/or face administrative action such as suspension or revocation of licences.

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