



25 August 2021

IECP/CVDC6

*Assalamualaikum Wr Wb*

Dear IECP Proprietors and Managers,

- 1 As Singapore prepare for the transition towards COVID resilience with the gradual easing of community safe management measures (SMM), all tuition and enrichment classes **may resume physically**. However, it is still strongly encouraged that all tuition and enrichment classes be conducted online.
- 2 IECPs should take reference from the latest general SMM guidelines as laid out by Ministry of Education (MOE)<sup>1</sup> for education and training, as well as, by Ministry of Manpower (MOM)<sup>2</sup> for workplace from their respective websites.
- 3 In addition, IECPs should also refer to the latest sector-specific requirements issued by MOE for the different education and training categories as listed below, where relevant and most applicable to the individual IECP, from the GoBusiness webpage:  
<https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/sector/>.
  - Private tuition and enrichment providers
  - Private education institutions (PEIs)
- 4 The key changes are summarised as follows:
  - IECPs (Madrasah, Mosque, Centre-based, Home-based) can resume in groups of 5 from 10 August regardless of the individuals' vaccination status.
  - **Home-based:**
    - Private residences that run in-person lessons are subject to the prevailing national group size limit and number of unique household visitors allowed per day.
    - Home ventilation should be improved by opening doors and windows. Fans can be used to promote air circulation when needed.



- **Centre-based:**
  - No single room within a centre should hold more than 50 persons, including tutors/instructors.
  - As a default, centres must ensure that students maintain safe distancing of at least 1m at all times, with strictly no physical interaction between students.
  - If it is not possible to apply 1m safe distancing between students and some interaction is unavoidable, centres may instead organise students into groups of no more than 5 students, with strictly no physical interaction or intermingling between different groups.
- 5 In addition to the above, as announced by the Multi-Ministry Taskforce on 6 August 2021, individuals who are working in settings with children aged 12 years and below and not yet fully vaccinated, unvaccinated or medically ineligible for the vaccination, must be tested twice a week using Antigen Rapid Test (ART), under the “Vaccinate or Regular Test” (“VoRT”) regime starting from 1 October 2021, to enable early detections of possible infections. Only fully vaccinated persons will be exempted from regular testing. More details on the testing process will be release by the respective agencies in due course.
- 6 We strongly encourage all employers to facilitate vaccination for your employees. A fully vaccinated workforce ensures a safe workplace and safe environment for everyone.
- 7 We urge all IECs to remind their staff and students to continue practising good personal hygiene and adhere to all necessary SMMs. These include wearing masks, washing hands frequently, wiping down equipment and tables after each use, seeing a doctor immediately if they feel unwell and returning to school or campus only when fully recovered.

Thank you and *wassalam*.

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<sup>1</sup> MOE website: <https://www.moe.gov.sg/faqs-covid-19-infection>

<sup>2</sup> MOM website: <https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-measures>