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IECP/CVDC4

*Assalamualaikum Wr Wb*

Dear IECP Proprietors and Managers,

We pray that everyone is in the best of health.

2 Ministry of Education (MOE) has issued a [press release](#)<sup>1</sup> on safe management measures for private tuition and enrichment in Phase 3 (Heightened Alert) as Singapore moves into Phase 3 (Heightened Alert) with gradual easing of community safe management measures (SMMs).

### **SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR IECP IN PHASE 3 (HEIGHTENED ALERT)**

3 IECP can resume in-person lessons from 21 June 2021. **IECP will need to continue with online lessons till 20 June 2021 (inclusive)**. This is part of additional precautionary measures to safeguard the well-being of all Singaporeans. IECP are also reminded to regularly check and adhere strictly to MOE's [requirements](#)<sup>2</sup> for tuition and enrichment centres.

4 Muis wishes to echo MOE's urge to all parents and students to play their part by continuing to be socially responsible, to minimise the risk of COVID-19 infection in our educational institutions. It is crucial that all students and staff continue to adhere to screening measures and practise good personal hygiene. If feeling unwell, students and staff should seek medical attention immediately, and not come to school, as well as tuition, enrichment centres and IECP. Parents are to keep their children at home if there are children or adult household members who are unwell with flu-like symptoms. They can return to school if their household members are tested negative for COVID-19.

5 MOE has also reminded in their recent press release of the SMMs for centres with on-premise instruction; such as follows:

- a. Safe distancing
- b. Health declarations
- c. Disinfection of surfaces
- d. Masks must be worn as a default at all times
- e. Class timings
- f. Ventilation

Details on each of the item may be found on Annex A, page 4.



## Home-based IECP

6 Home-based IECP which are allowed to run in-person lessons will be subject to the prevailing national group size limit (ie. **5 visitors per day** from 14 June 2021) and number of unique household visitors allowed per day.

7 In addition, home ventilation should be improved by opening doors and windows. Fans can be used to promote air circulation when needed.

## SafeEntry and TraceTogether Programme

8 On 4 May 2021, the MTF announced that TraceTogether-only SafeEntry (TT-only SafeEntry) will be implemented at all venues that experience higher throughput of visitors, and/or where people are likely to be in close proximity for prolonged periods from 17 May 2021. The TT programme and SafeEntry are important digital tools that enable contact tracers to quickly identify and isolate close contacts of Covid-19 cases. This helps to break transmission chains and prevent community outbreaks. TT tokens may be collected at designated collection points (please refer to <https://token.gowhere.gov.sg> for more information).

9 TT-only SafeEntry must be implemented, in your premises, and entry to your centres will be allowed only if the individual uses their TT App to scan the centre's QR code or presents the QR code on the TT token to be scanned. This includes staff, students aged 7 years and above, parents and other visitors.

10 From 15 June 2021, it is mandatory for all tuition and enrichment centres to deploy SafeEntry Gateway (SEGW) to facilitate SafeEntry (SE) check-in for students aged 7 years and above, parents, staff and visitors, and help users check that their TT token is working. Tuition and enrichment centres are reminded to download the SafeEntry (Business) app to use the SEGW function, or register for a SEGW box on the SE website ([www.go.gov.sg/gateway-overview](http://www.go.gov.sg/gateway-overview)).

11 At the point of entry into the centres, if any student forgets to bring their TT token, they should be asked to download the TT app on their phones before they are allowed entry. However, if the student is unable to do so (e.g. phone is out of battery), the student's personal details should be noted down as a last resort, before the individual is granted entry. The centre should retain all such records for at least a month to facilitate contact tracing if necessary.

12 Business may refer to the SafeEntry User Guide for requirements on how to scan the TT tokens, available at <https://www.safeentry.gov.sg> (please navigate to Resources > User Guide > SafeEntry NRIC User Guide for Business).

13 Updates may also be found at <https://www.smartnation.gov.sg/whats-new/press-releases>.



14 With all the efforts that we have put through, let us continue pray that may Allah *Al-Hafiz* continue to protect our country from COVID-19.

Thank you and wassalam.

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References:

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.moe.gov.sg/-/media/files/covid-faqs/advisory\\_for\\_private\\_tuition\\_enrichment\\_14jun2021.pdf?la=en&hash=BC325851A0F8E817519BFB98BAC82C2B4AC42B3A](https://www.moe.gov.sg/-/media/files/covid-faqs/advisory_for_private_tuition_enrichment_14jun2021.pdf?la=en&hash=BC325851A0F8E817519BFB98BAC82C2B4AC42B3A)

<sup>2</sup> <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/sector/>

## ANNEX A

6.1. Safe distancing. Safe distancing measures for centres which are allowed to continue on-premise instruction include:

- a. Students: Centres must ensure safe distancing between students by putting up appropriate floor demarcations and/or physical barriers, e.g. using safety tape. There must also be strict separation between students in different classrooms at all times, with no intermingling.
    - i. 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.
    - ii. 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 five students, with strictly no physical interaction or intermingling between different groups. Centres must strictly maintain a minimum of 1m spacing between groups, although MOE advises 2m spacing between groups as a best practice.
  - b. Tutors/instructors: Tutors/instructors are advised to minimise contact with students. If some interaction is unavoidable, contact with students should be transient. Tutors/instructors should remain at the front of the class as much as is practicable.
  - c. Capacity: No single room within a centre should hold more than 50 persons, including tutors/instructors, even as the above measures are adopted.
  - d. Centres are also reminded that per MOM's guidelines for workplaces, there should be no cross-deployment across worksites. More information on prevailing workplace SMMs can be found on the MOM website (<https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-measures>).
2. Health declarations. Centres should not permit students who are placed on Leave of Absence (LOA) or Approved Absence (AA) by their schools, or students and staff who are on a Stay Home Notice (SHN), or Home Quarantine Order (HQO) to enter the centre premises. We also advise centres to watch out for staff and students with fever or respiratory symptoms, such as sneezing, breathlessness, runny nose, loss of smell, cough, or sore throat. Staff and

students with the above symptoms or are unwell should be advised to leave the centre and see a doctor immediately, and should not be allowed to attend lessons. As a best practice, centres should also check if a family member living in the same household is unwell. If so, the child should not attend lessons in person.

3. Disinfection of surfaces. All surfaces in classrooms must be thoroughly disinfected between classes. Sharing of all equipment (e.g. props, music scores, and microphones) should be avoided as far as possible. If this cannot be done, the equipment should be thoroughly cleaned and/or disinfected before being handled or used by others. However, please note that sharing of wind/brass instruments or parts thereof (e.g. mouthpieces, reeds) is not allowed. (Note that all in-person singing, and wind/brass instrument classes are suspended in the first part of Phase Three (Heightened Alert) – i.e, until 20 June 2021.)
4. Masks must be worn as a default at all times, except for persons allowed to use face shields instead of masks (e.g. persons with health conditions resulting in breathing/medical difficulties when a mask is worn for a prolonged period). Instructors are expected to wear a surgical mask or reusable masks of equivalent effectiveness at all times.
5. Class timings. Centres should allocate at least 15 minutes between classes. This is to allow adequate time to disinfect classroom surfaces, and to ensure strict separation of individuals from different classes. Centres should also work out attendance and dismissal arrangements that help avoid congestion of individuals in or outside the centre.
6. Ventilation. All premises should abide by the latest guidance on improving ventilation and indoor air quality in buildings amid the COVID-19 situation, available at: <https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-the-covid-19-situation>.