22 July 2021

CINEMA OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 (PHASE 2 - HEIGHTENED ALERT)

1. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced on 20 July 2021 that there would be additional Safe Management Measures (SMMs) from 22 July to 18 August 2021. For latest MOH announcements on COVID-19, please visit https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19

2. From **22 July to 18 August 2021**, cinema operators¹ are to comply with the following SMMs:

   (a) Cinemas must adhere to 1-metre safe distancing between different groups of patrons within the prevailing capacity limits per cinema hall:
   • up to 50 pax (without Pre-Event Testing) or
   • up to 100 pax (with Pre-Event Testing)
   Refer to **Annex A** for Pre-Event Testing (PET) requirements.

   (b) Permissible group size will be maximum of 2 patrons.

   (c) Seats must be reconfigured to ensure safe distancing of at least 1-metre between different groups of patrons. The 1-metre is measured from edge of seat to edge of seat and must be a 1-metre radius separating each group.

   (d) Cinemas can continue to operate takeaway and/or delivery during this period. Dining-in and Food & Beverage (F&B) consumption in cinemas are prohibited. Cinemas must continue to place their F&B staff on the regular 14-day Fast and Easy Testing (FET) regime. Refer to this link for FET guidelines.

   (e) Cinema patrons and staff must keep their masks on at all times.

Mandatory SafeEntry Check-in

3. Cinemas must deploy either the SafeEntry Gateway (SEGW) or use the SEGW feature on the SE (Business) App as a check-in method at the main entrance. All patrons must check-in with an individual TraceTogether device. To facilitate more effective contact tracing efforts, SafeEntry check-out is encouraged.

4. Cinemas must conduct entry controls and refuse entry to the venue by any individual whom the venue manager knows or has reason to believe:
   • is a symptomatic case;
   • is subject to a movement control measure; or

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¹ Cinemas refer to Golden Village, Cathay Cineplexes, Shaw Theatres, Filmgarde, WE Cinemas, The Projector, Eaglewing Cinematics, Carnival Cinemas and Salt Media@Capital Tower. Other establishments with screening venues that are allowed to operate, must also comply with the mandatory SMMs for cinemas.
who refuses to comply with the entry control procedures and/or any mandatory SMMs for cinemas

5. Cinemas must have regular cleaning and disinfecting of high touch point areas and cater additional cleaning time of cinema halls between shows.

6. Cinemas must implement crowd and queue management measures to ensure patrons abide by prevailing safe distancing rules in the Control Order.

7. For the avoidance of doubt, to the extent the implementation of or compliance with any measure within the SMMs below is inconsistent with the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 ("Control Order") by reason of being less stringent in respect of public safety, the requirements under the Control Order shall prevail.

Annex A: Pre-Event Testing (PET) requirements

1. Cinemas may admit more than 50 patrons and up to 100 patrons (with 1-metre safe distancing between different groups of patrons) per cinema hall, only if there is PET for all patrons as follows:

(a) Cinemas must ensure that all patrons (except where paragraph (b) below applies) obtain a negative COVID-19 test result before they may be admitted into the venue:

i. The test must be an MOH-approved COVID-19 test (either an Antigen Rapid Test (ART) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test) administered by an approved test provider.

ii. The validity of a COVID-19 test result is 24 hours from the time of in-person registration at the testing premise. As such, cinemas must ensure that the result of the test is valid until the end of the show/event.

iii. The patron must be able to produce proof of the test result, which are either:

   (i) Check-in Successful banner (displayed on the SafeEntry (Business) application upon scanning with TraceTogether App/Token)
   (ii) COVID-19 Test Result Notice (ART)
   (iii) COVID-19 Test Result Notice (PCR), or
   (iv) Patient Risk Profile Portal (PRPP) ART Result Slip.

(b) The requirements for PET in paragraph 1(a) above do not apply to patrons who have been vaccinated or produce an exemption notice. Before being admitted into the venue, the patron must produce valid documentation of either their vaccination or exemption notice which must remain valid until the end of the show/event.

(c) Where PET is required for a show/event, cinemas must prominently display signs at each point of entry and exit (including emergency exit) to the venue where the show/event is being held, to indicate:

i. The space is a restricted place, and the duration for which it will be a restricted place (i.e. the duration of the service). Cinemas must clearly mark the boundaries of the restricted place (e.g. though rope, signs, partition, screen).

ii. That entry and remaining within the restricted place is allowed only to individuals with a cleared status (e.g. have a valid negative COVID-19 test result notice, valid documentation of vaccination or exemption notice).

(d) Cinemas must highlight to patrons attending shows/events for more than 50 patrons and up to 100 patrons that entry into the venue where the show/event is being held will be denied to patrons who do not produce the relevant negative COVID-19 test result notice, vaccination notice, or exemption notice, with the necessary validity period.
2. Refer to MOH’s Event Organisers’/Relevant Enterprises’ Guide to PET, for guidelines on PET.