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CINEMA OPERATIONS – EMERGING SAFER AND STRONGER TOGETHER

1. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced on 24 August 2022 the further easing of safe management measures from 29 August 2022.
2. For latest MOH statements on COVID-19, please visit <https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19>

Mandatory Safe Management Measures (SMMs) for Cinemas¹

3. Cinema operators are to comply with the following measures **from 29 August 2022**:

Mask-Wearing

- 3.1 There is no longer a requirement for mask-wearing in cinemas.
- 3.2 **Mask-wearing required as part of sectoral regulations, such as the Singapore Food Agency's (SFA) requirement for food handlers to maintain good hygiene standards, will continue to apply.**

Group Sizes

- 3.2 There are no group size limits.

Capacity Limits and Safe Distancing for Mask-On / Mask-Off Events

- 3.3 Safe distancing is not required between individuals or between groups, regardless of whether it's a mask-on (i.e.: no F&B allowed) or mask-off (i.e.: with F&B) setting. Capacity limits for all settings have been removed.

Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs (VDS)

4. **There are no changes to Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs (VDS) at this juncture.** VDS is still required in the following settings:
 - a. Events with >500 participants at any one time;
 - b. Nightlife establishments where dancing among patrons is one of the intended activities; and

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.

- c. Food and beverage (F&B) establishments. Specific to F&B establishments, while VDS is still required, these establishments will no longer need to conduct VDS checks for their customers. Instead, the onus will be on the individuals dining in to abide by the rules. Random spot-checks will continue to be conducted to ensure that only fully vaccinated persons are dining in at F&B establishments.
5. **Cinemas with halls that have a capacity of >500 pax must conduct VDS checks if hosting events other than regular cinema business (e.g. church services, live performances, conferences/seminars etc.).** Only individuals with a cleared status² may be admitted.
6. For the avoidance of doubt, to the extent the implementation of or compliance with any measure within the SMMs above is inconsistent with the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Reopening – Control Order) Regulations 2022 (“Control Order”) by reason of being less stringent in respect of public safety, the requirements under the Control Order shall prevail.

² An individual is considered to have a cleared status if the individual has been:

a) fully vaccinated, i.e. has received the appropriate regimen of World Health Organisation Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective and had their vaccination records ingested in MOH’s national IT systems, b) recovered from COVID-19 within the last 180 days after infection, or c) medically ineligible for COVID-19 vaccines, with valid proof. Unvaccinated children 12 years and below (i.e. born in and after 2010) are exempt from this requirement.