

## JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT

### **Exemptions for Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures at Malls and Large Standalone Stores**

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1. Starting 13 October 2021, Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) must be implemented for entry to all shopping malls and large standalone stores<sup>1</sup>.
2. Only fully vaccinated persons<sup>2</sup> will be allowed to enter such premises, with the following exceptions:
  - a. Medical services
    - Unvaccinated persons seeking medical attention from doctors, dentists and registered Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Practitioners in such premises, as well as caregivers of such individuals.
    - Proof of appointment (e.g. letter, email, SMS or appointment card) is required for entry.
  - b. Childcare services
    - Unvaccinated caregivers dropping off or picking up children from preschools and childcare centres.
    - A letter of support from the preschool or childcare centre is required for entry.
  - c. Children 12 years and below

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<sup>1</sup> Large standalone stores refer to those that occupy entire buildings, e.g. IKEA, Decathlon Innovation Lab, and are > 930 sqm (or 10,000 sqft) of Gross Floor Area.

<sup>2</sup> Please refer to [go.gov.sg/vdsmminfo](https://www.go.gov.sg/vdsmminfo) for the definition of fully vaccinated individuals.

d. Others

- Unvaccinated persons who have recovered from COVID-19. Proof of status can be shown using the TraceTogether app or token; or via a valid discharge memo or MOH exemption notice accompanied by a government-issued photo ID.
  - Unvaccinated persons with a negative pre-event test (PET) result will also be permitted entry for the duration of the activity/service.
3. There will be a grace period from 13 to 19 October 2021 for the VDS to be phased in. The required checks must be imposed during this grace period, but unvaccinated persons can be permitted entry into the malls/large standalone stores with a reminder. This grace period is to familiarise mall/store operators as well as the public with the VDS.
  4. Since 1 October 2021, unvaccinated workers in malls and large standalone stores are already required to undergo twice weekly testing under the “Vaccinate or Regular Test” regime (VoRT). Thus, such workers<sup>3</sup> will continue to have access to their workplaces, pending a further review of this policy. The government strongly encourages all unvaccinated workers who are medically eligible to get vaccinated as soon as possible.
  5. Please refer to the Advisory for Safe Management Measures at Retail Establishments and Lifestyle-Related Services [here](#) for further details.

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<sup>3</sup> These include tenants, office workers of that building, as well as workers who have to visit these premises, such as vendors, part-time workers, third-party contracted workers, food delivery personnel and couriers.