

SAFEGUARDS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF NIGHTLIFE BUSINESSES

On 24 March 2022, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced the easing of Safe Management Measures (SMMs)¹, and activity-specific adjustments including the resumption of nightlife businesses comprising bars, pubs, karaoke establishment, discotheques and nightclubs in the coming weeks.

2 In line with the above, all nightlife businesses will be permitted to fully reopen from 19 April 2022. To ensure the safe resumption of the sector, all nightlife establishments will be subjected to SMMs imposed on food and beverage (F&B) establishments, retail liquor establishments, and live performances, where applicable, including vaccination-differentiated SMMs (VDS).

3 For nightlife establishments where dancing among patrons is one of the intended activities (such as nightclubs and discotheques), a negative Antigen Rapid Test (ART) supervised by an MOH-approved test provider, either in-person or remotely, will be required for patrons before entering the premise. The COVID-19 test will be valid for 24 hours from the time of the test result. The patron must get tested before the start of his/her visit; and at most 24 hours before the end of the attendance at the event or activity.

4 A summary of the required SMMs for all nightlife businesses is as follows:

- a) Group sizes: Groups of up to 10 fully vaccinated persons, where full vaccination-differentiated SMMs (VDS) checks have been implemented at entrances.
- b) Mask-wearing: Mask-wearing required indoors but optional outdoors.
- c) Safe distancing: Safe distancing of at least 1m when mask-off, between individuals or groups.
- d) Capacity limits: Capacity limits of 75% for large settings/events with >1,000 pax, which are mask-on and there is no 1m safe distancing, and no capacity limits for smaller settings/events with ≤1,000 pax.
- e) Supervised ART tests: Supervised ART test for patrons² as long as premise offers dancing among patrons as an intended activity³. This will apply mainly to nightclubs and discotheques.

¹ Refers to five key parameters: (i) group sizes; (ii) mask-wearing; (iii) workplace requirements; (iv) safe distancing; and (v) capacity limits. Please refer to MOH's press release on 24 March 2022 for more details: <https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/easing-of-community-smms-and-border-measures>

² Testing will only apply to patrons, and not visitors or staff (employees/contractors). A negative Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test result is also allowed. The list of MOH-approved COVID-19 test providers is available at: [go.gov.sg/swabproviders](https://www.go.gov.sg/swabproviders)

³ The same requirements will be imposed on any other establishment (including F&B, bars/pubs and karaoke businesses) intending to offer dancing among patrons as one of their activities, e.g. through the provision of a common area or a stage. Establishments that intend to offer dancing by patrons must have the relevant Public Entertainment (PE) licences to do so i.e. Category 1 PE Licence.

5 Enforcement agencies will also continue to monitor the compliance of these SMMs. In the event of breaches, enforcement actions will be taken under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, and the business will be liable for the issuance of Notice of Composition (NOC) and closure order.

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