Appendix 6: Covid Safe Management Measures

(Effective 10 January 2022)

COVID-19 Stabilisation Period

Staggered Welcome

8:30-8:40 Secondary School
8:40-8:50 Primary School
8:50-9:00 Early Childhood accompanied by parents.

SafeEntry

- All parents, staff and visitors are required to TraceTogether.
- All Primary and Secondary students will be registered on TraceTogether.
- Staggered entry and dismissals will remain in place until further notice.
- Visitors continue to be minimised.
- All queuing systems on campus will be clearly demarcated with 1 metre markings.

Mask-wearing and Good Hygiene Practice

- All staff, parents, visitors and students will be temperature checked on entry to the campus.
- Masks must be worn at all times on school campus.
- There will be frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces.
- Staff and students will be required to follow frequent handwashing protocols.

Staff Vaccination Requirement & Fast and Easy Testing

CPE Advisory on Vaccination

From 1 October 2021, the “Vaccinate or Regular Test” regime will commence for all PEI staff who come into regular contact with students below 12 years old. Vaccinated persons will be required to take an Antigen Rapid Test (ART) once a week and unvaccinated persons and those considered at higher risk will be required to take an Antigen Rapid Test (ART) twice a week.

School Response to Confirmed Cases

Early Childhood and Primary School, Grade 6 & 7

As students 12 and under are considered not vaccinated, the school will continue to identify close contacts of COVID-19 cases in school and require them to undergo regular testing while waiting for the issuance of a Health Risk Warning (HRW) by MOH.

Under this arrangement for Close Contact Testing (CCT):

- Identified students should stay at home but may return to school if they are well and have a negative ART result before they leave for school daily.
- As this is meant to be a bridging measure while awaiting the issuance of HRW by MOH, students will be placed on CCT for a period of 5 days.
- If HRW is not issued during the 5 days, the CCT will be lifted, and the student may return to school with no further testing.

Parents will be notified by email if their child/ class is placed on a CCT.

Secondary School (Grades 8-10)

MOH will contact trace through the TraceTogether App/Token and will issue your child a Health Risk Warning directly if he/she is a close contact. Students should follow MOH Protocols for attendance. Please see below.

The school will conduct cleaning of the facilities and will inform parents if the affected class has to be on 1 day of HBL.

Questions and Answers

What is a Health Risk Warning (HRW)?

Previously, contacts of COVID-19 cases were differentiated into various risk levels and there were several different measures that could be imposed, such as Quarantine Order (QO), Health Risk Alert (HRA), and Health Risk Warning (HRW).

There will now be a single approach – a HRW that lasts seven days from the day of its issuance, that is based on ART self-testing.

It will comprise following national Protocol 3:

- Upon being notified of the HRW (Day 1), the person should immediately self-isolate, and test himself with an ART on the day of the HRW issuance and upload the Day 1 ART result based on the instruction in the HRW notification.
- The person on HRW can continue with normal activities for the day if the test is negative.
- For subsequent days, i.e. Day 2 to 7, the person on HRW should test ART negative on the same day before going out.
- If the person on HRW tests positive on any of these ART tests, he should follow national Protocol 2#.
- On Day 7, he must test himself with an ART, and if the test is negative, there is no further need for tests after that.

#Protocol 2: For those who are well and tested positive, they should self-isolate at home for the next 72 hours*. After 72 hours, they can re-test and if negative, they may exit isolation and resume normal activities. If they become unwell at any time, they should see a doctor.*

What should I do if my child has a positive ART result but is well?

- Students who are well and who have been administered the Antigen Rapid Test (ART) and obtained a positive test result, should self-isolate at home for 72 hours before repeating the ART.
- Students may resume daily activities, including coming to school, if the second ART is negative.
- If the second ART is also positive, students should continue to self-isolate and repeat the ART daily until it is negative.
- Students and their household members should seek medical attention immediately if they are unwell with flu-like symptoms.
- As part of being socially responsible, students who are unwell should not return to school and should practise good personal hygiene both in school and at home.

What is a Stay Home Notice (SHN)?

The SHN is a precautionary measure for Singapore residents and long-term pass holders returning to Singapore with travel history within the last 14 days to all countries.

For more information on the prevailing measures, parents should refer to the MOH website.

Protocols for Informing the School

- In living with COVID-19, the emphasis is on social responsibility.
- Students and staff with household members who are unwell, HRW or SHN do not need to alert the school. They are free to continue to go to school.
- To keep everyone safe, the unwell household member should see a doctor, maintain good hygiene and self-isolate until the PCR result is obtained.
- The household member on SHN should maintain strict isolation, while the person on HRW should maintain strict hygiene practices.
- If at any point the student or staff have a household member who is confirmed to be a COVID-19 case, they should expect to be issued with a HRW, and they should exercise social responsibility by following the testing and isolation protocol for HRW pending the issuance of the HRW.
- Families should also keep the school informed if a household member tests positive for COVID-19.
- It is important that all persons issued with SHN comply strictly with its requirements, in order to limit the risk from potential imported cases and to safeguard our community.
- Students found to have breached their SHN can be subject to disciplinary action from the School and may also be prosecuted under Section 21A of the Infectious Diseases Act. Permanent Residents (PRs), Dependent Pass (DP) or Student Pass (STP) holders may also have Re-Entry Permits, DP or STP revoked or shortened.

Extra-Curricular Requirements

General

- All assemblies will be hosted virtually until further notice.
- All whole school events will be hosted virtually until further notice.
- PTCs will continue to be conducted virtually.
- In-person CCAs will remain suspended in Primary School.
- In-person CCA activities will remain suspended in Secondary School.
- All examinations should be conducted with a maximum of 50 persons including invigilators.

Learning Requirements

Specific Early Childhood Arrangements (Pre-School)

Classroom Requirements:

- Children will remain within their own class at all times.
- All activities will maintain small groups of up to 5 children.
- Class-based directed play is permitted whilst maintaining groups of up to 5 children.
- Children will have designated seats and seating arrangements will be spaced out.

Outdoor Requirements:

- Outdoor activities are permitted with classes going outdoors following a staggered timetable.
- Children will play outdoors in their allocated group of up to 5 students and are not permitted to switch between groups.
- Children must wear masks or face shields when playing outdoors.
- Children and staff will practise hand hygiene before and after going outdoors.

Eating Requirements:

- Children will eat in their own classrooms.
- Volume must be kept low during eating to minimise any possible expulsion of droplets.
- Children will be permitted to watch educational, age-appropriate videos as an auditory/ visual cue to remain quiet while eating.

General Requirements:

- No parents or visitors are permitted into the environment. Emergency visitors only and must maintain 2 metre distance from students.
- Whole class educational visits and visits to external facilities remain suspended.

Specific Primary School Arrangements

Classroom Requirements:

- Students will maintain groups of up to 5 children in the classroom with 1 metre spacing between individuals.
- Students will have a designated seat with no mixing across tables/ groups.
- Indoor mask-on directed play permitted in designated groups of up to 5 students.

Outdoor Requirements:

- Outdoor mask-on play permitted within class bubbles and in groups of up to 5 students.
- Visits by external parties with student interaction is not permitted.
- Minimal movement around school, with transitions well regulated, following all safe distancing measures.

Eating Requirements:

- Children will eat in their own classrooms or in tables of maximum 2 students in the canteen.
- Volume must be kept low during eating to minimise any possible expulsion of droplets.
- Children will be permitted to watch educational, age-appropriate videos as an auditory/ visual cue to remain quiet while eating.

Specific Secondary School Arrangements

Classroom Requirements:

- Students may work in groups of up to 5 students for learning activities with one metre distance between each student.
- Students are not permitted to move between tables/ groups.

Outdoor Requirements:

- Outdoor activities are permitted with classes going outdoors on a staggered timetable.
- Students are permitted to take part in low intensity outdoor games in their allocated group of up to 5 students and are not permitted to switch between groups.
- Students must wear masks at all times.

Eating Requirements:

- Students will eat in their own classrooms or in tables of maximum 2 students in the canteen.
- Volume must be kept low during eating to minimise any possible expulsion of droplets.
- Students will be permitted to use school iPads during lunchtimes within the School's agreements

General Requirements:

- Students will transition in a one-way flow around the Secondary building to avoid walking towards each other with one metre spacing between individuals.
- School based examinations will be carried out in classrooms or with no more than 50 students per venue with 1 metre distancing.
- Lecture style lessons (AV Room) will take place with a maximum of 50 persons including teachers.

Specialist Subjects Arrangements

Music and Drama Lessons

- Mask-off music and drama classes will continue to be suspended, with the exception of IGCSE/ IB Diploma students for examined elements of courses.
- Teachers will remain masked at all times.
- Use of brass, wind and other instruments with expulsion of air remains suspended.

PE Lessons

- Indoor and outdoor mask-on activities, as well as outdoor mask-off activities will be allowed in groups of up to 5 people.
- Students must be maintained in class bubbles with an allocated teacher.
- There will be no intermingling between groups during the class.
- Masks can be taken off if the outdoor activity is strenuous, but will have to be put on immediately after the end of the activity.
- Mask wearing remains the default.

Library Lessons

- Primary Students and Secondary Students will have access to the library in their own class bubble.
- In the library, students must adhere to all safe distancing measures.
- Grade 9-12 students will be permitted to access the library at lunchtimes for study purposes with a maximum number of 30 people in the environment and all safe distancing measures must be maintained.

End of Day Staggered Dismissals

Grade	**Final Pick up Area**
Early Childhood	3:00pm
1A, 1D, 1F	3:05pm
1B, 1C, 1E, Bilingual	3:10pm
2A, 2C, 2E, 2G	3:15pm
2B, 2D, 2F, Bilingual	3:20pm
3A, 3C, 3G, 3H	3:25pm
3B, 3D, 3E, 3F,	3:30pm
4A, 4C, 4E	3:35pm
4B, 4D, 4F, 4G	3:40pm
5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, 5G	3:45pm
Secondary School	3:30-3:50pm
IB Diploma Students	4:30pm (Students may leave at 3:30 if no Period 6 on timetable for study at home)