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COVID-19:UPDATE TO SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES AND CONDUCT OF CLASSES

Dear IMSC Colleagues,

1.1 On 11 March 2022, the Multi Ministry Taskforce announced that there would be a further streamlining of the national safe management measures which would take effect on **15 March 2022**.

1.1.1 Updates to requirements on safe distancing, capacity limits, vaccination-differentiated SMMs;

1.1.2 SMMs for sports in supervised sports facilities; and

1.1.3 Updates to workplace SMMs

1.2 We now write to highlight some of the key changes that would have an impact on you.

National Safe Management Measures (Classes)

1.3 **Safe Distancing:** From **15 March 2022**, safe distancing is encouraged **but will no longer be required between individuals or groups in all mask-on settings**. Safe distancing **will continue to be required for all mask-off settings**. Where safe distancing is required, the distance will be streamlined to a single **safe distance of 1 metre for all settings**.

1.4 **Capacity Limits:** From **15 March 2022**, fixed size limits and zoning requirements will be removed. Going forward, size limits for events such as business events, media conferences, and mask-on classes will be set based on the capacity of the venue, taking into account the need for safe distancing.

1.5 **Sports and Fitness related:** Safe distancing is encouraged for masked settings but will no longer be mandatory. Safe distancing will continue to be required for all unmasked indoor and outdoor settings:

1.5.1 At least 1-metre physical distancing between groups of up to 5 individuals for all unmasked physical activities.

1.5.2 No cross-mixing or cross-playing between groups, unless it takes place at selected supervised/operated sports facilities i.e. ActiveSG and PA facilities and SportSG-approved private facilities under the Resumption of Bigger Team Sport Formats under Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs

1.6 At present, all our classes are conducted on a blended delivery mode, with in-person classes being conducted in **mask-on** settings. This is also the case for all our sports and fitness related classes. As such, there may not be any material change in the manner in which our classes are being conducted.

National Safe Management Measures (Workplace)

- 1.7** From **15 March 2022**, the following changes will be made to workplace SMMs:
- 1.7.1** The rules for social gatherings for workplaces and other social settings will be aligned, so long as general group size and masking rules are adhered to;
 - 1.7.2** There will be no restrictions on cross-deployment of employees across workplaces, although employers may do so for business continuity reasons.
- 1.8** The current posture of allowing up to 50% of employees who can work from home to return to the office will remain.
- 1.9** Notwithstanding the above, the current flexible work arrangement as stated under the Policy Manual (PM 2.2.1) will continue to apply. This would refer to the current flexi-time arrangement, and the flexi-place / telecommuting / work from home arrangement.
- 1.10** Finally, please continue to take care of your health and observe good personal hygiene in the interest of protecting the health and safety of all colleagues, students, and stakeholders.
- 1.11** Thank you.