

1st September 2022

GSTM Staff and Students

CHANGES TO SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

1. Following this week's easing of Safe Management Measures (SMMs) by the Ministry of Health (MOH), the following revised SMMs will take effect from 29 August 2022, unless otherwise stated.
2. All individuals can enter our premises regardless of vaccination status. Entry checks for vaccination status will no longer be required at access control points to our premises.
3. **Mask-Wearing**
 - a. **Mask-wearing is no longer mandatory on school premises, in both indoor and outdoor settings, with exceptions below in para 3.c.** Staff and students may remove their masks during indoor classes, lectures, laboratory sessions, examinations and other activities.
 - b. **Staff and students are still strongly encouraged to continue exercising personal and social responsibility by wearing masks to protect themselves and others, such as when in crowded places or interacting with vulnerable persons.** If unwell, staff and students should mask-up and minimise in-person interactions. They should also self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19, in accordance with MOH's prevailing guidelines and protocols.
4. **Teaching and Learning**
 - a. All classes, lectures, examinations programmes can be conducted in the school. Safe distancing is encouraged but not required between individuals or groups.
 - b. Students on internships should continue to adhere to the prevailing SMMs and vaccination requirements in their workplaces.
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5. **Student Activities**
 - a. All school events may fully resume, without any zoning requirements, safe distancing, or mask-wearing.
 - b. Please adhere to SportSG's prevailing guidelines for sports activities.
 - c. Please adhere to NAC's advisory for live performances, voice training, speech and drama, singing and playing of wind and brass instruments.
6. Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs (VDS) within school premises
 - a. VDS is no longer required as an entry requirement to school premises. All individuals can enter the school premises regardless of vaccination status
 - b. However, VDS is still required for events with more than 500 participants at any one time. Unvaccinated individuals who do not meet VDS requirements will only be allowed to take-away their food from F&B establishments.
7. **Vaccination Status**
 - a. If you are not fully vaccinated or your vaccination status has lapsed, but have previously recovered from a COVID-19 infection, please apply bridging leave of absence from the Student Support Services Department to request for an approval leave to capture the date of when you first tested COVID-19 positive and ensure that your previous infection is taken into account in the computation of vaccination validity status and attendance

record.

- 8. For staff/students who have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 infection overseas**
- a. To be recognised as having recovered from a COVID-19 infection, MOH requires individuals who have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 overseas to see a doctor in Singapore with supporting documents for their infection, recovery and discharge, and to do a serology test. The doctor will update the MOH system with the following information:
 - i. A serology test performed in Singapore
 - ii. Acceptable documents, namely: - Confirmatory C+ PCR result - Doctor's discharge memo - International COVID-19 recovery certificate
 - b. Upon receiving a positive serology test result from the doctor, the staff/student can email a record to the Human Resource Department (Applicable to staff) and Student Support Services Department (Applicable to students).
- 9. For staff/students who have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 infection in Singapore**
- a. When a staff/student has been tested COVID-19 positive through ART+ or PCR+, administered at a clinic or a MOH's Combined Test Centre (CTC), or via a Supervised Self-Test at Quick Test Centre (QTC), has completed the MOH isolation period and been discharged, the individual is recognised as recovered from COVID-19 infection.
 - b. Please email the record together with any one of the following screenshots to Human Resource Department (Applicable to staff) and Student Support Services Department (Applicable to students):
 - i. HealthHub COVID-19 Test Result page stating the date and venue of where the ART/PCR test was conducted along with the positive test result; or
 - ii. MOH ART Test Result Slip printed at the clinic stating the date of the clinic-administered ART positive test result conducted; or
 - iii. Screenshots of all available SMSs/messages of MOH's COVID-19 Positive Result Message with the date of the SMS and COVID-19 positive result clearly shown; or
 - iv. Doctor-issued Medical Certificate (MC) stating the start and end date of the sick leave, clearly stating the ART positive result or COVID infection; or
 - v. Discharge Memo or Recovery Memo obtained from the link in the MOH Discharge SMS.

If you have further questions, please check with the school or department, or email info@gstm.edu.sg

Best regards,
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