



26 April 2022

GSTM Staff and Students

COVID-19: FURTHER EASING OF SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

1. On 22 April 2022, the Ministry of Health announced the further easing of community Safe Management Measures (SMMs) in a significant step towards the return to normalcy. New updates are highlighted in **yellow** for ease of reference.
2. From 26 April 2022, community SMMs will be eased along five key parameters:
 - a. Group size – **There will no longer be a group size limit.** Individuals will not be required to keep to a group of 10 persons.
 - b. Mask-wearing – Mask-wearing continues to be required in indoor settings, including in school premises but optional in outdoor settings.
 - **Speakers can remove their mask when giving their speech, but should remain at least 1 metre away from participants when giving their speech.**
 - **While masks should be worn in indoor settings, staff may remove their masks when they are seated at their work stations and if the work stations are physically separated from each other by at least 1 metre.** They must, however, wear masks when they are interacting physically with others and in customer-facing areas.
 - c. Workplace requirements – **From 28 April 2022, all staff can return to the workplace regardless of vaccination status. Unvaccinated staff are required to do regular FET testing (see para 3 below).**
 - d. Safe distancing – **Safe distancing continues to be encouraged but will not be required between individuals or groups for both mask-on and outdoor mask-off settings.**
 - e. Capacity limit – **All capacity limit for large-scale setting and events will be lifted.** 100% of venue capacity may be utilised if required.
3. **Fast and Easy Testing**
 - a. As announced earlier, Fast and Easy Testing (FET) is no longer required for vaccinated staff and students.

- b. As a safeguard against COVID-19 transmission within school premises, FET using Antigen Rapid Tests (ART) will continue to apply for unvaccinated staff and students :
- Unvaccinated staff and students are required to email a valid FET test result to GSTM Student Support Services Department before coming to school. The validity of the FET result is 4 days.
 - Unvaccinated staff can upload their FET results from 28 April 2022 onwards to Human Resource Department
- c. For (b) above, the cost of FET kits is to be borne by the individual.
- d. Staff and students are to exercise personal responsibility and test themselves using the FET kits if they are unwell or are exposed to an infected person.
- e. Should they test positive, they are to update their health status to Student Support Services/ Human Resource Department, inform their close contacts, and adhere to COVID-19 health protocols.

4. 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 (if non-GSTM members are involved), or for dining within school premises.

While the local COVID-19 situation has stabilised and allowed us to further ease our SMMs, we still need to stay vigilant and socially responsible. Please continue to follow all health protocols as we strive towards COVID-19 resilience.

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

Best regards,
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