

COVID-19 ADVISORY FOR VISITORS TO MWS CENTRES

As at 12 July 2021

In line with the government's visitor management guidelines, Visitors at some of our Centres will be tested for COVID-19 using the Antigen Rapid Tests (ARTs).

However, Visitors with the following medical conditions should not undergo ART testing and will not be able to visit the Nursing or Welfare Home during the affected period.

- Nosebleed (in the past 24 hours)
- Facial surgery (in the last 8 weeks)
- Nasal surgery (in the last 4 weeks)

Only Visitors with a [negative test result](#) may enter our Centre.

In some MWS Centres, Visitors may need to [self-administer](#) the ART, under supervision. As the entire process up till the time result is known, may take approximately 30 mins, Visitors are advised to arrive 30 mins before their scheduled visit for ART testing.

The ART result has a [validity of 24 hours](#), so Visitors may re-enter the MWS Centre if the visit occurs within 24 hours of a negative test result.

MWS may ask the Visitor to take another ART if we are unable to reliably confirm that the visitor has a valid negative test result.

Please contact the individual MWS Centre for Visiting Hours before making a trip.

Meanwhile, MWS continues to observe strict visitation guidelines to safeguard the well-being of our staff and residents.

Please note that Visitors will not be allowed to enter if you have, in the last 14 days:

- been placed on Stay-Home-Notice (SHN), Quarantine Order (QO), Phone Surveillance (PUPS) or on Medical Leave (MC); or
- been notified by MOH to be a possible close contact of a COVID-19 case and been asked to go for a COVID-19 swab test, as part of an ongoing MOH community surveillance testing for visitors within the stipulated duration to identified venues; unless you have received a negative COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test result after the visit to identified venues; or
- has a household member placed on QO/SHN, or has been notified by MOH to be a possible close contact of a COVID-19 case and been asked to go for a COVID-19 swab test, as part of an ongoing MOH community surveillance test for visitors to identified venues, unless the household member has a negative COVID-19 PCR test result after the visit to identified venues, or is no longer under QO/SHN; or
- received notification via the TraceTogether App of a possible exposure; or
- worked in environments with a risk of exposure to COVID-19 cases; or
- stayed in a foreign worker dormitory; or
- been in the same household of another person who is unwell with fever and / or flu-like symptoms such as cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath; or
- been unwell (eg. symptoms of cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell), with or without fever; or
- had a fever, of any duration, of > 37.5 degrees Celsius; or
- just returned from travelling overseas.

Limit on Number of Visitors

In addition, we will continue to control the number of visitors at all other MWS Centres:

- All large group volunteering and activities remain suspended.
- Volunteers who volunteer at multiple locations must not enter.

Nursing Homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 2 designated visitors are allowed per resident. • Only 1 designated visitor is allowed per resident per visit, up to 30 mins per visit. • Subject to the daily maximum number of visitors allowed at the Centre. • Vendors who run essential/maintenance services for our residents may enter (subject to the above conditions). • Vendors may drop off deliveries at designated 'drop-off' points outside the Centre. •
Welfare Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 4 designated visitors are allowed per resident. • Only 2 designated visitors are allowed per resident per visit, up to 1 hour per visit. • Subject to the daily maximum number of visitors allowed at the Centre. • Vendors who run essential/maintenance services for our residents may enter (subject to the above conditions). • Vendors may drop off deliveries at designated 'drop-off' points outside the Centre.
Girls' Residence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 4 designated visitors are allowed per resident. • Only 2 designated visitors are allowed per resident per visit, up to 1 hour per visit, and by appointment only. • Only volunteers who lead activities that cannot be conducted remotely and have direct impact on the wellbeing/hygiene of residents may enter (subject to the above conditions), limited to 5 persons at any one time. • Vendors who run essential/maintenance services for our residents may enter (subject to the above conditions). • Vendors may drop off deliveries at designated 'drop-off' points outside the Centre.
Senior Activity Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only members and regular volunteers may enter and by appointment only (subject to the above conditions). • Up to 5 volunteers are allowed at any one time. • Each volunteer can serve for up to only 2 hours per day. • Gym use is limited to 2 persons per session, with masks on at all times.
Family Service Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only clients assessed to have moderate to high needs may enter (subject to the above conditions), and by appointment only, and will be served on an individual basis. • Group work/activities will be limited to no more than 5

	<p>persons (subject to the above conditions).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service for others will be delivered remotely (via phone calls, emails, video calls) as far as possible.
Student Care Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any child who is not enrolled in the Centre must not enter the premise during operating hours. • All parents are not allowed to enter the Centre. Parent-teacher discussions must be carried out via teleconferences or online (e.g. video conferencing). • Parents of prospective students may not enter during operating hours. • Only visitors who are needed to support the running of the Centre (eg. contractors) and those who need to perform necessary functions (eg. MSF officers) may enter.

TraceTogether-SafeEntry

All visitors must use the TraceTogether App on their mobile phones or TraceTogether token to check into SafeEntry and at all times while in the Centres.

Visitors will be screened for travel and health history.

Masks & Hand Sanitisation

All visitors must

- wear a surgical / reusable mask at all times
- wash / sanitise hands before and after each visit
- maintain a safe distance (at least 1 metre) at all times

All these measures must be adhered to, regardless of one's COVID-19 vaccination status, or whether they are recovered cases.

Under the Infectious Diseases Act, anyone making a false declaration can be prosecuted.

For clarifications, please contact the MWS Centre you wish to visit. Thank you.

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