

COVID-19 ADVISORY FOR VISITORS TO MWS CENTRES

As at 29 August 2022

As Singapore eases towards a new normal of living with COVID-19, the Ministry of Health has announced new changes in Safe Management Measures (SMMs). In line with that, MWS will be adopting the following with effect from 29 August 2022:

AT MWS NURSING HOMES

- Visitors are required to **wear surgical or reusable masks** while on the premises.
- From 1 September 2022 onwards:
 - Each resident will be allowed 2 visitors per visit;
 - There will be no cap on the number of pre-designated visitors;
 - Each visit may last up to 1 hour.
- Visitors are encouraged to self-test Antigen Rapid Test (ART) negative on the day of visit, prior to arrival.

AT MWS WELFARE HOME

- Visitors are required to wear masks for indoor settings.
- Masks are optional for outdoor settings.
- From 29 August 2022 onwards:
 - Each resident will be allowed 2 visitors per visit;
 - There will be no cap in the number of pre-designated visitors;
 - Each visit may last up to 1 hour.
- Visitors are encouraged to self-test ART negative on the day of visit, prior to arrival.

AT MWS GIRLS' RESIDENCE:

- Masks are optional.
- There will be no restrictions on the number of designated visitors, number of visitors per visit and the duration of visits.

AT MWS SENIOR CARE CENTRE, ACTIVE AGEING CENTRES, SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTRES, FAMILY SERVICE CENTRES AND STUDENT CARE CENTRE:

- Masks are optional.

Meanwhile, for the safety and well-being of our Clients, Residents, Staff and other Visitors:

- Individuals who are **unwell or plan to have contact with vulnerable persons** are encouraged to **wear masks** for personal protection and to protect others.
- MWS reserves the right to
 - Check with visitors if they have any acute respiratory infection symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, cough) or exposure to COVID-19 positive persons;
 - Request for proof of ART negative result for persons with recent exposure to COVID-19 positive persons before allowing entry;
 - Request for additional testing requirements for visitors of unvaccinated residents at our Nursing Home or Welfare Home.

Should you require any clarification about the measures at our Centres, please contact the individual MWS Centre before visiting. Thank you.

**Issued by
Methodist Welfare Services
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