

Two-tiered relaxation of Covid-19 curbs

By Aug 9, about 70 per cent of the population here are expected to have received two doses of the Covid-19 vaccine. As a result, restrictions will be eased in two stages, on Aug 10 and 19. **TIMOTHY GOH** looks at the major changes:

From Aug 10



DINING IN ▲

- Up to two allowed to dine in at coffee shops and hawker centres regardless of vaccination status
- Up to five allowed to dine in at other eateries if all diners are fully vaccinated*
- Certain exceptions for children**

GROUP SIZES

- People can gather in groups of up to five
- Households will also be allowed to receive five distinct visitors per day. The cap on visitors does not apply to grandchildren being cared for by their grandparents
- Unvaccinated people are strongly encouraged to remain in groups of two or fewer

CONGREGATIONAL AND WORSHIP SERVICES

- Up to 500 worshippers may attend services if all are fully vaccinated*
- This limit is reduced to 50 worshippers if any are unvaccinated
- Certain exceptions for children**
- Vaccinated performers may sing while unmasked or play instruments that require expulsion of air, subject to safe management measures

FUNERALS

- Up to 30 attendees allowed at funerals at any point in time on all days

LIVE PERFORMANCES

- Up to 500 may attend if all are fully vaccinated*
- This limit is reduced to 50 if any are unvaccinated
- Certain exceptions for children**
- Vaccinated performers may sing while unmasked or play instruments that require expulsion of air, subject to safe management measures

STAYCATIONS

- There can be up to five people per room in a hotel, subject to the room's maximum capacity
- Exceptions are made if people are from the same household

SOLEMNISATIONS AND WEDDING RECEPTIONS

- Up to 500 people may attend wedding solemnisations if they have all been fully vaccinated*
- If not, this limit is reduced to 50
- Certain exceptions for children**
- Up to 250 people may attend wedding receptions if they are all fully vaccinated*
- Only one reception will be allowed
- Group sizes will be capped at five attendees per table



SPORTS ACTIVITIES ►

- Indoor mask-off high-intensity activities and classes may resume, with a limit of 30 people. All 30 must be vaccinated.
- Activities at gyms and fitness studios can resume in groups of up to five, provided everyone in the group is fully vaccinated*
- Certain exceptions for children**
- Indoor mask-on and all outdoor mask-on and mask-off activities and classes will have their cap raised to 50 people
- Participants can gather in groups of up to five for mask-on indoor activities and all outdoor activities regardless of their vaccination status

IN-PERSON TUITION AND ENRICHMENT CLASSES

- Up to 50 allowed per class in groups of up to five people
- Classes are strongly encouraged to be held online

SPECTATOR AND PARTICIPATORY SPORTS EVENTS

- Up to 500 people may attend these events if they have all been fully vaccinated*
- If not, this limit is reduced to 50
- Certain exceptions for children**

HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

- These businesses can receive up to five unique visitors a day

CINEMAS

- Up to 500 people may be in the audience if they are all fully vaccinated.
- If not, this limit is reduced to 50
- Food and drink may be served in groups of up to five if all customers are vaccinated
- Certain exceptions for children**

MICE EVENTS

- Up to 500 people may attend these events if they have all been fully vaccinated*
- If not, this limit is reduced to 50
- They may unmask at these events, subject to safe management measures
- Certain exceptions for children**

← MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS AND HAIR SALONS

- Services which require masks to be removed, such as facials, saunas and make-up services, allowed to resume if customer is vaccinated



From Aug 19



WORKPLACES ▲

- Up to 50 per cent of employees who can work from home may return to the workplace
- Workplace social gatherings will also be allowed

TEMPERATURE SCREENING

- Temperature screening will no longer be a requirement in public places

CONGREGATIONAL AND WORSHIP SERVICES ▼

- Up to 1,000 worshippers may attend if all are fully vaccinated*
- This limit is reduced to 50 worshippers if some are unvaccinated
- Certain exceptions for children**



CINEMAS

- Up to 1,000 people may be in the audience if they are all vaccinated
- If not, this limit is reduced to 50
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TOUR GROUPS

- Up to 50 people will be allowed for tours that involve transport, such as Duck Tours
- Groups will remain capped at 20 people for non-conveyance tours

ATTRACTIONS AND CRUISES

- Operating capacity increased to 50 per cent

NOTES:

* People are considered "fully vaccinated" two weeks after they have received a full regimen of the Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or Moderna vaccines, or any other vaccines under the World Health Organisation's Emergency Use Listing. Those who have recovered from Covid-19 or have obtained a negative result on a pre-event test taken in the 24 hours before the expected end of a group activity are also included in this category.

** Unvaccinated children aged 12 and below may be included in a group of up to five persons if all the children are from the same household. For large-scale events, the number of children is capped at 20 per cent of the total event size.