

#ReopeningSafely Guidelines Retail Activities, Food, and Beverage

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Living and working safely with COVID-19

Malaysia is in the 'Transition to Endemic' phase and we must learn to live with COVID-19 in line with the reopening of economic sectors. Therefore, it is important to understand the risk of COVID-19 transmission, practice preventive measures, and remain vigilant as we carry out our daily activities to ensure the safety of ourselves and our families.

This Guideline is categorised into 2 sections as follows:



Section 1: Guidance to identify COVID-19 risks and illustrate ways to assess risks on premises and at workplaces.



Section 2: Infographics to help us make safer choices while carrying out daily activities or at workplaces.

Scope of Guideline

This Guideline is for all activities or services related to retail, trade and distribution, activities with physical contact (examples: barber shops, spa, reflexology, beauty centres/ salon, pedicure and manicure, massage centres and wellness) as well as food and beverage services. It also includes supply chain of these activities or services such as transportation of products, equipment and raw materials.

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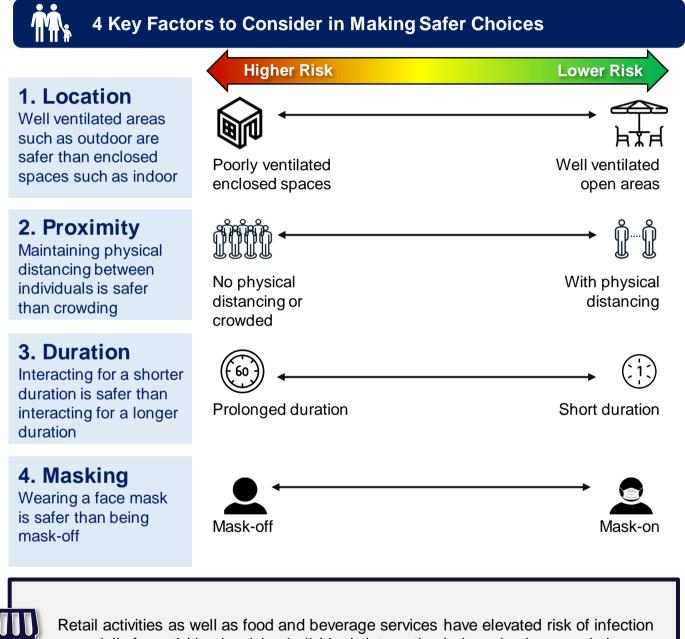
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Note: This Guideline is encouraged to be complied with and is used to illustrate requirements in the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). SOP is prioritised if there are any contradictions.



Assessing COVID-19 Risks to Make Safer Choices

We need to be proactive in identifying and managing COVID-19 transmission risks in our daily activities. These are the 4 key factors to consider in making safer choices.



Retail activities as well as food and beverage services have elevated risk of infection especially for activities involving individuals interacting indoors in close proximity. Furthermore, activities involving physical contact between employees and customers from different households increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

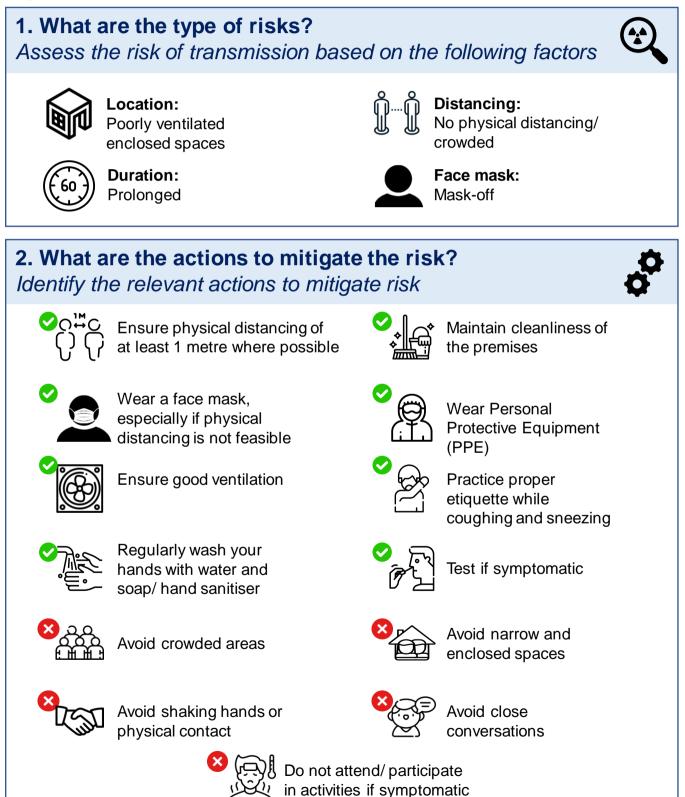
Operators must strictly enforce mask wearing and improve air ventilation in order to minimise the risk of infection between workers and customers.

Source: Department of Occupational Safety And Health (DOSH), World Health Organization (WHO)



Assessing COVID-19 Risks to Make Safer Choices

When planning our daily activities, the following questions should be taken into consideration as part of the risk assessment.

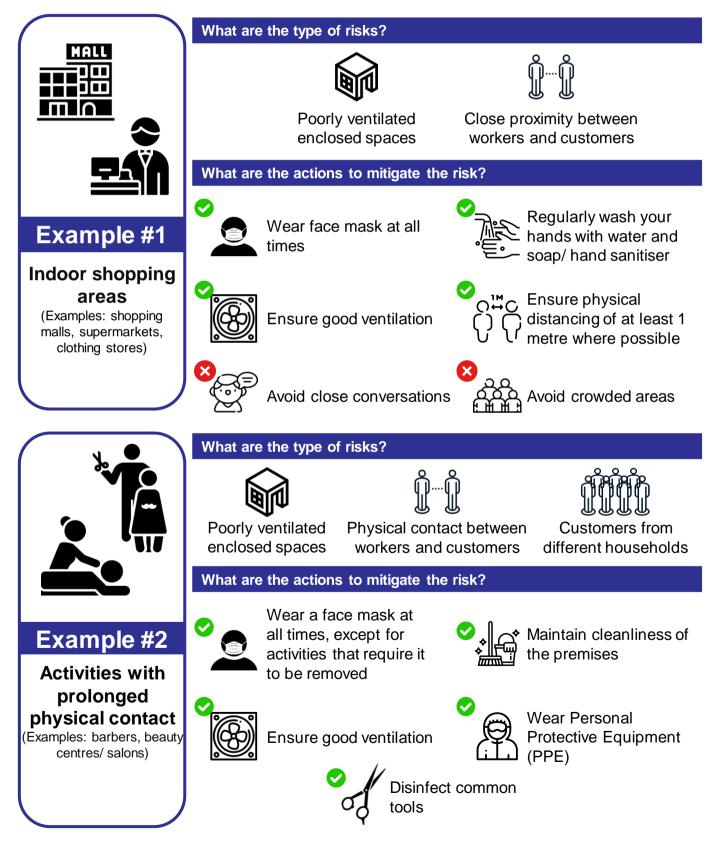


Source: MOH, WHO



Assessing COVID-19 Risks to Make Safer Choices

Examples of risks and actions to reduce the risks are illustrated as below:

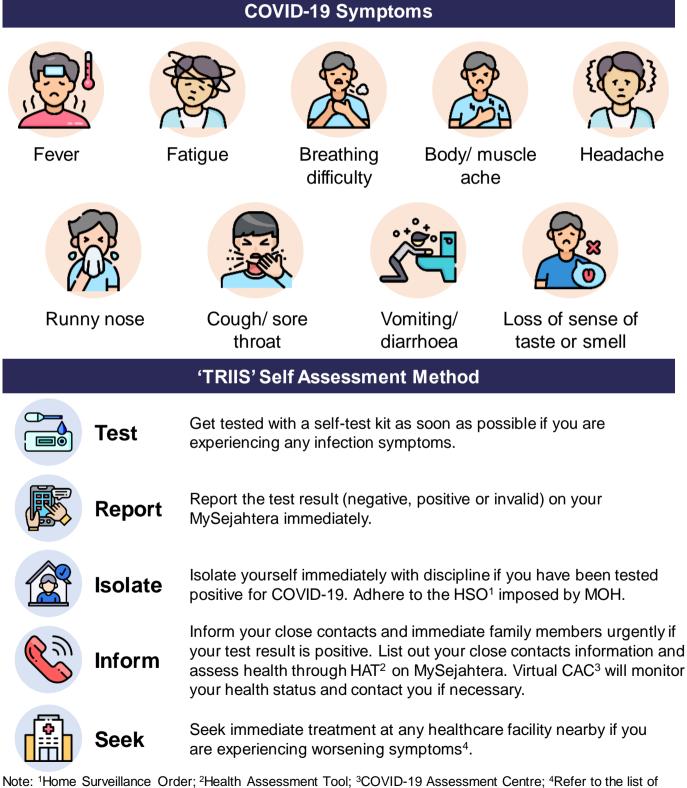


Note: Compliance with SOP is important as a mandatory action to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission



1. COVID-19 Symptoms

We must recognise COVID-19 symptoms and be responsible when we are feeling unwell to ensure that the 'Transition to Endemic' phase is successful.



Note: ¹Home Surveillance Order; ²Health Assessment Tool; ³COVID-19 Assessment Centre; ⁴Refer to the list of COVID-19 patient condition warning signs at <u>https://covid-19.moh.gov.my/reopeningsafely/semasa/2022/03/fasaperalihan-ke-endemik-langkah-6b-kenali-tanda-amaran-covid-19</u> Source: MOH

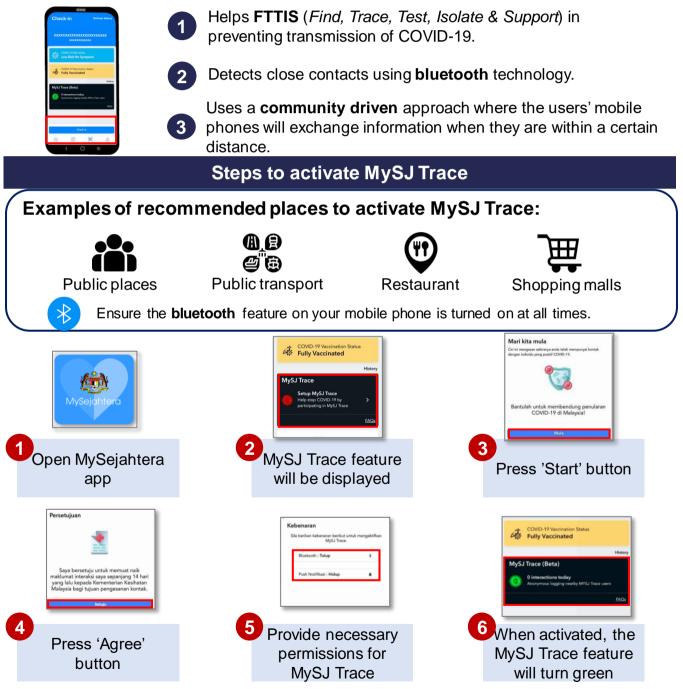


2. Entry Check and Registration

Individuals must use MySejahtera application to scan the QR code and only Individuals with 'Low Risk' MySejahtera status are allowed to enter premises or participate in activities^{1,2}. MySejahtera users are also encouraged to activate the MySJ Trace feature.

What is MySJ Trace?

MySJ Trace is one the functions of mobile contract tracing.



Note: ¹Entry check and registration is exempted for areas that fulfil the three (3) criteria: outdoor areas, areas without crowds and mass gathering (e.g., recreational areas); ²MySejahtera QR Code are placed at the main entrance of shopping malls, wholesale markets and night markets/ bazaar. Stores, stalls and kiosks that are located within these premises do not need to provide MySejahtera QR code.



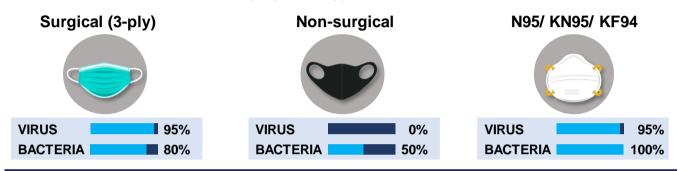


3A. Use of Face Masks

Face masks protect us from getting infected by the COVID-19 virus, as it can be transmitted through respiratory droplets while talking, sneezing or coughing.

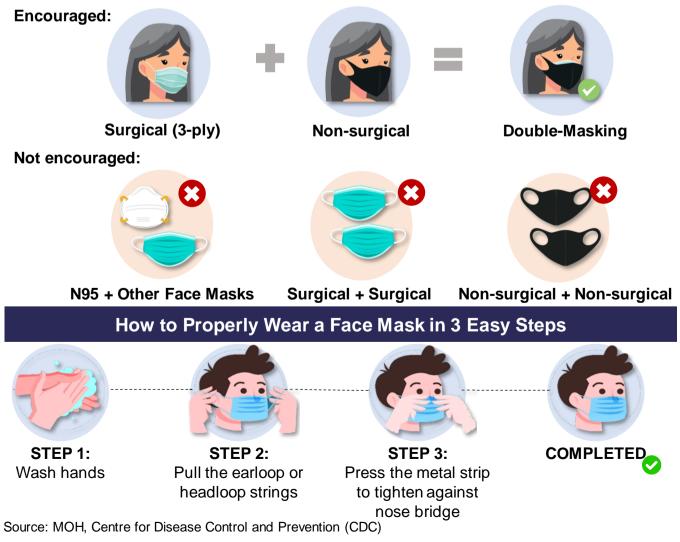
Examples of Face Mask and Its Protection Level

Protection levels of face masks vary by mask types as shown below:



The Benefits of Double-Masking and How to do it Properly

Double-masking (surgical + non-surgical face mask) provides better protection from infectious droplets.





3B. Mask-off Activities

Carrying out activities without wearing a mask increases the transmission risk of COVID-19 virus. The risk of infection becomes higher when the activities are carried out with people from different households in close proximity.

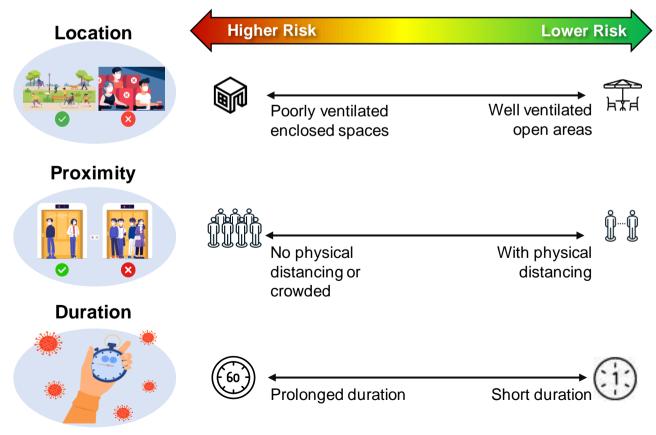
Examples of Mask-off Activities





3 Key Risk Factors to Consider Before Removing Your Mask

Below are the factors to consider in situations where wearing a face mask is not possible or suitable while carrying out activities. Face mask should be re-worn immediately after these activities.



Consider these factors and make appropriate decisions before removing your face mask to protect yourself and others.



3C. Face Mask for Children and Individuals with Special Needs

The purpose of wearing face masks is to protect ourselves and others. However, additional considerations should be given to the following groups:



Children ≤5 years old

Wearing face mask is exempted considering the child's safety, developmental needs and inability to wear a face mask without assistance.



Children ≥6 years old

Wearing face masks is required based on their ability to safely and appropriately wear a mask.



Individuals with specific special needs

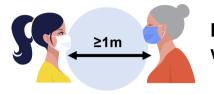
Wearing face mask is exempted for Individuals with specific special needs (e.g., individuals with Cerebral Palsy or Autism) or individuals with health conditions involving breathing difficulties (a certified medical report from a registered medical practitioner is required).

Source: WHO



4. Physical Distancing

Adherence to physical distancing can protect us from being infected with the COVID-19 virus that is transmitted through respiratory droplets while talking, sneezing or coughing.



Maintain physical distancing of at least 1 metre where possible.



Place markers as physical distancing guides.



Limit face-to-face social interactions between customers or employees from other households.

Avoid physical greetings such as handshake. Instead, greet by placing your hands on your chest.



Choose to shop **online**, make digital payments or **reservations** for dine-in and takeaway.

Individuals who are **symptomatic or COVID-19 positive or under HSO** are not allowed to enter.

Source: MOH, CDC, WHO



5. Ventilation

COVID-19 virus is more contagious indoor than outdoor. Hence, good ventilation is important to reduce risk of transmission.

Enclosed Air-conditioned Spaces

(Examples: shopping malls, supermarkets, grocery stores, pharmacies)





Check and ensure ventilation systems are in good working order

Set the air conditioning mode to 'fresh air' and avoid recirculation



Increase air circulation by placing fans facing outwards at doors or windows



Ensure that the exhaust fans are running throughout operating hours

Naturally Ventilated Premises (Examples: stalls, mobile stalls, hawker centres, kiosks)

turning on AC

and fan



Open doors and windows as frequently as possible



Increase air circulation by placing fans facing outwards at doors or windows



Ensure that the exhaust fans are running throughout operating hours

Supplementary Measures to Assess and Improve Air Quality (Examples: air filter, CO₂ monitor)



Install air filter

 Install high-efficiency air filters to filter out airborne viruses and dust in the air



Monitor Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) levels

- CO₂ levels can be monitored by using an Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) device
- CO₂ reading which exceeds 1,000ppm indicate the space is poorly ventilated

Source: MOH, DOSH, CDC, WHO



6A. Personal Hygiene

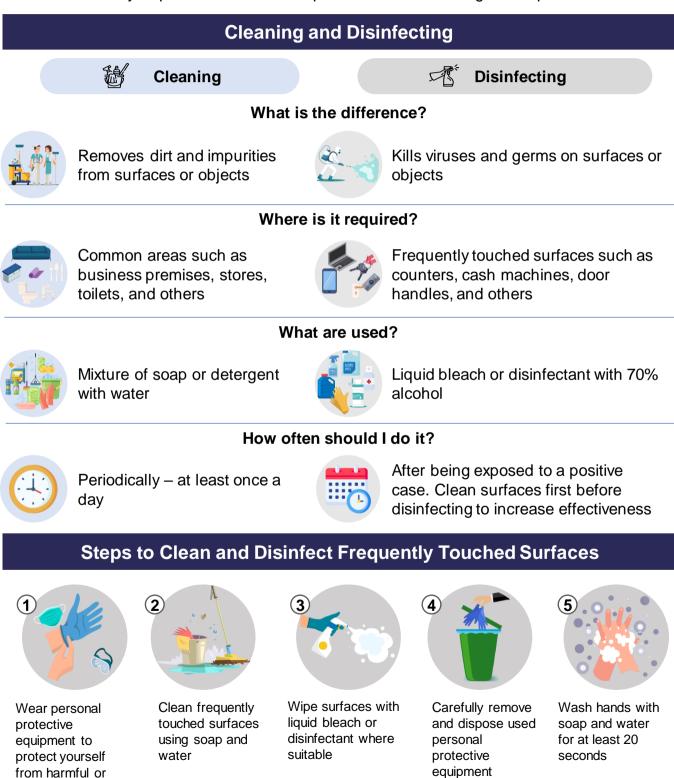
Practising personal hygiene is important to remove viruses and infectious droplets on our hands in order to reduce the risk of transmission.





6B. Cleaning and Disinfection

Common areas and shared equipment may be contaminated with infectious respiratory droplets. Therefore, regular cleaning can reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Disinfection is only required when there are positive cases occurring on the premises.



Source: MOH, CDC

irritable chemicals



6C. Cleanliness of Workers' Accommodation

Poor management of workers' accommodation can lead to COVID-19 transmission if face masks and physical distancing are not complied. Employers must comply with the minimum standards stated by the Minimum Standards of Housing, Accommodation and Employee Facilities Act 1990 [Act 446] in addition to the actions stated below:

| Addi | nional measures to olay oure during oor | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 Cleaning & Disinfection | Frequent cleaning in communal areas and high breaks. Provide and regularly empty rubbish bins with a Provide hand washing facilities with soap and a Disinfect common touch surfaces at workers' a liquid bleach or disinfectant containing at least case is detected. | cover/ lid. vater or hand sanitiser. ccommodation using |
| 2 Worker Movement | Workers are to remain within the accommodation encouraged to stay in their respective rooms. Provide direct transportation between workers' workplace. Staggered breaks for each group of workers to resting areas. | accommodation and |
| 3 We Health Monitoring | Perform self-test if employee is symptomatic at on MySejahtera application. <i>If negative:</i> Employees can return to work by wearing a sumaintaining physical distancing. <i>If positive:</i> Employees must isolate in the designated isolat daily health assessment through the Health Ast MySejahtera application. Management to immediately trace close contained isolate in the designated isola | rgical mask (3-ply) and ating room and perform sessment Tool (HAT) in |
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- Shared facilities
- Living room, dining room
- Kitchen
- Lights, fan
- Bin

Source: Department of Labour Peninsular Malaysia (JTKSM), Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), Act 446

• Single bed

• 4 inch mattress

• Pillow, blanket

Locked cupboard

Basic amenities

Toilets per worker

• 1:15 (dormitory)

• 1:6 (other than

dormitory)

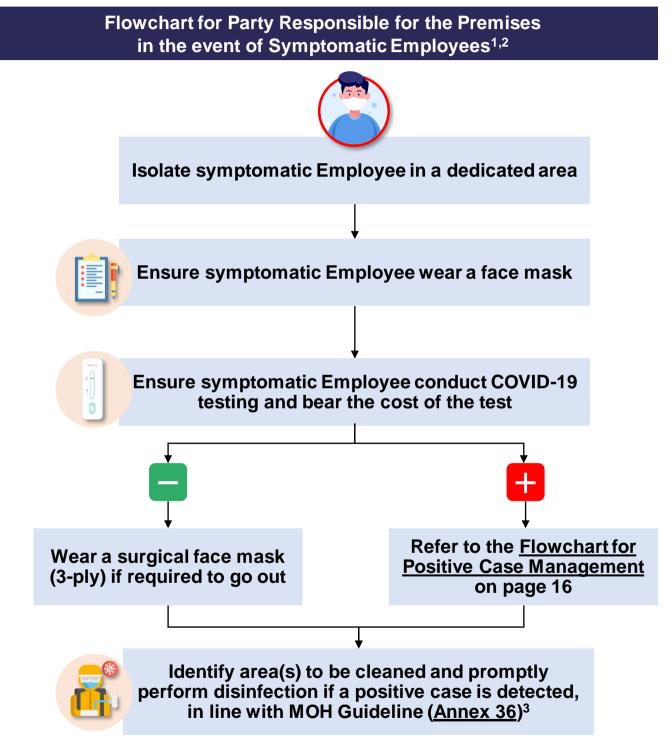
Area per worker 3m² (dormitory)

3.6m² (other than

dormitory)



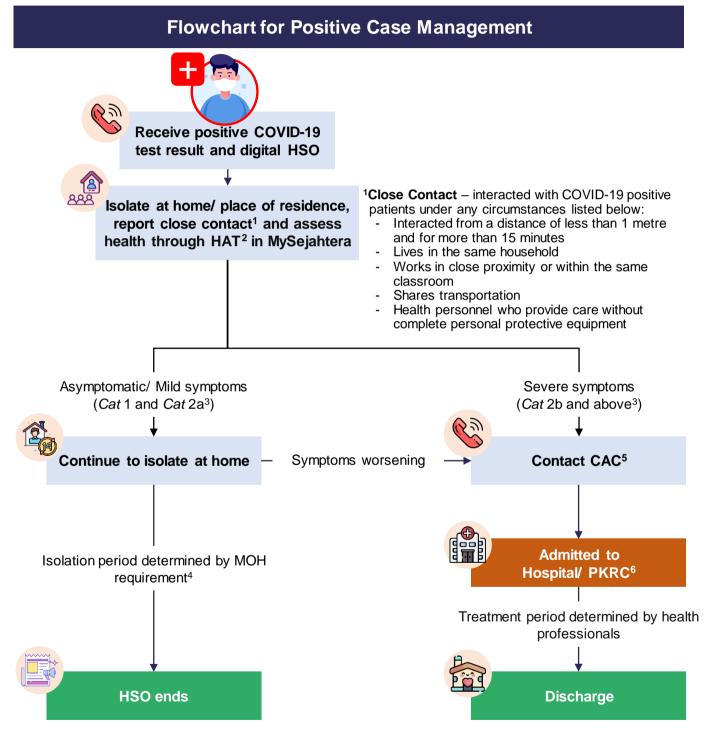
7A. Management of Symptomatic Individuals, Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Close Contact



Note: ¹Symptomatic individuals are not allowed enter premise or participating in any activities; ² All parties involved in the handling of employees with COVID-19 symptoms must comply with established procedures and wear personal protective equipment (e.g., face masks, face shield, surgical gown, and gloves); ³Refer to MOH Guideline (Annex 25 and Annex 36) at <u>https://covid-19.moh.gov.my/garis-panduan/garis-panduan-kkm</u>. Source: MOH, DOSH



7B. Management of Symptomatic Individuals, Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Close Contact

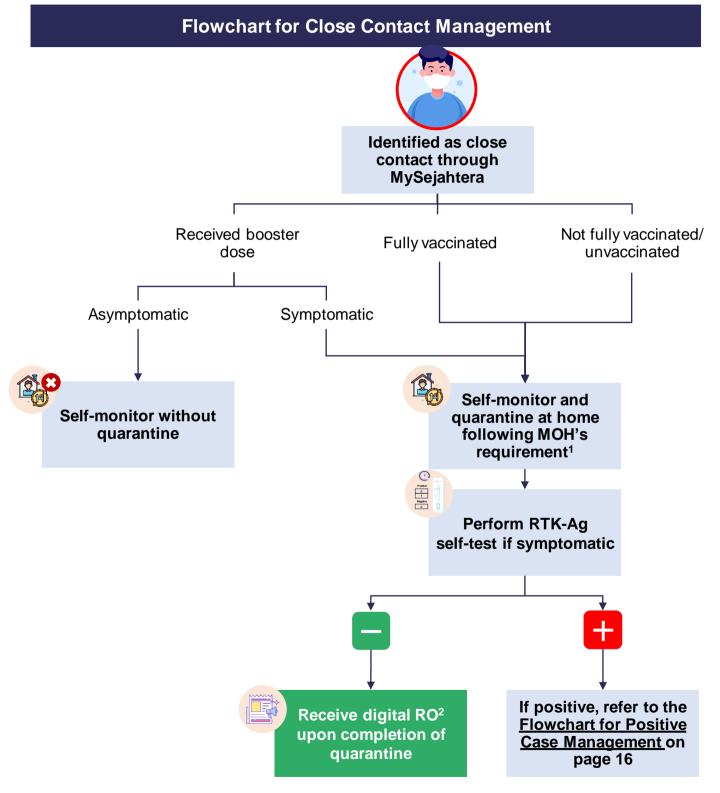


Note: This flowchart will be updated periodically based on MOH's evaluation; ²Health Assessment Tool; ³For the list of COVID-19 patient categories, refer to MOH guideline, Annex 2e at <u>https://covid-19.moh.gov.my/garispanduan/garis-panduan-kkm</u>; ⁴Refer to COVID-19 Health Protocol Portal at <u>https://covidprotocol.moh.gov.my/;</u> ⁵COVID-19 Assessment Centre; ⁶Employers should cover the cost of isolation and treatment.

Source: MOH



7C. Management of Symptomatic Individuals, Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Close Contact



Note: This flowchart will be updated periodically based on MOH's evaluation; ¹Refer MOH COVID-19 Health Protocol Portal at <u>https://covidprotocol.moh.gov.my/</u>; ²Release Order. Source: MOH



7D. Management of Symptomatic Individuals, Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Close Contact

Quarantine Guidelines

As a positive case/ close contact



Do not leave your home during the quarantine period set by MOH



Do not share a room with family members



Self-monitor daily for symptoms and report through MySejahtera app



Wear a face mask and maintain physical distancing of at least 1 metre if interacting with family members

As a family member of the same household



Wear gloves when handling the utensils used by the patient



Place food and drinks outside the room for patient to pick up themselves



Wear a face mask when interacting with the patient



Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitiser

What should you do if the house/ place of residence is not suitable to safely isolate or quarantine?

Isolate or quarantine at any accommodation such as hotels and homestays to ensure that the isolation/ quarantine requirements can be implemented properly. All costs will have to be self-borne.

Source: MOH



8. Vaccination

Vaccination is effective to protect ourselves and reduce the transmission of COVID-19. Booster doses are also needed to obtain the most optimal level of protection against the virus and to protect society as a whole.

COVID-19 Vaccination Guide

Definition of Fully Vaccinated^{1,2} **INDIVIDUALS TRAVELLERS³** COMPLETE TYPE OF **FULLY VACCINATED FULLY VACCINATED** PRIMARY VACCINE DOSE 18-59 YEARS ≥ 60 YEARS 18-59 YEARS ≥ 60 YEARS 2 Sinovac, doses doses doses doses doses Sinopharm Pfizer, 2 2 3 Moderna. doses doses doses doses doses AstraZeneca, CanSino, Johnson & dose dose doses dose doses Johnson



Recipients of Sinovac and Sinopharm vaccines as well as individuals aged 60 years and above who have not received their booster dose are allowed to perform activities that are permitted for individuals who are fully vaccinated.



Proof of fully vaccinated status such as card or digital certificate is required to participate in activities with vaccination requirements.



Individuals who are not eligible for vaccination (due to health reasons and has been verified by registered medical practitioners) must refer to the latest applicable guidelines.

Note: ¹Definition of fully vaccinated for vaccines above are subject to MOH's current recommendations. For other vaccines that are recognized by WHO's Emergency Use Listing (EUL), definition of fully vaccinated is subject to the recognition of WHO, International Authorities and producing countries (lists of types and brands of vaccines will be updated from time to time); ²The effective vaccination status period after the last injection is 14 days for primary dose injection, and for booster dose injections is immediate after the booster dose injection was received; ³Travellers from abroad.

Source: MOH, COVID-19 Immunisation Task Force (CITF)



9A. Personal Protective Equipment

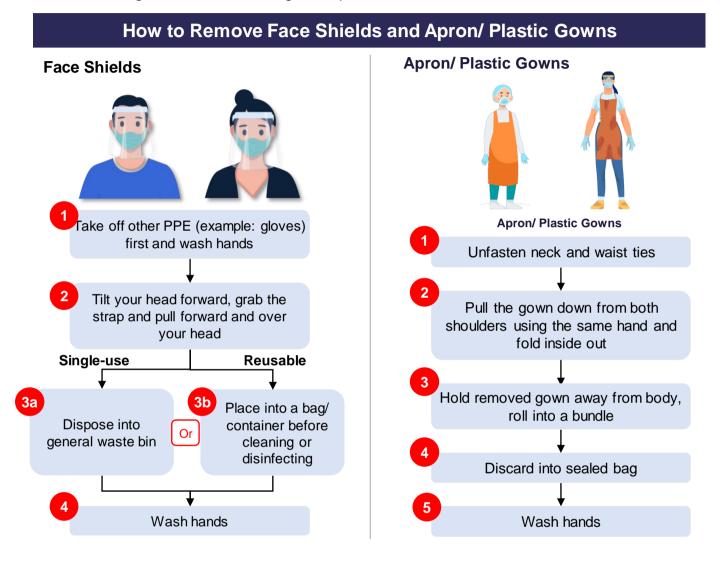
All Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including face masks, gloves, face shields and gowns should be removed and disposed properly to prevent contamination.





9B. Personal Protective Equipment

While removing PPE, avoid touching the exposed surface to avoid contamination.



How to Clean Reusable Face Shields

Face shield can be reused if there is frequent cleaning and disinfecting after daily use.

- 1 Wipe inside, followed by straps and outside with a wipe or clean cloth soaked with soap solution
 - Wear PPE if using disinfectant
- 2 Wipe with clean water to remove residue
- 3 Dry and store in clean and dry location



Source: MOH, CDC



10. Crowd Control

The risk of COVID-19 transmission is higher in places which are crowded, poorly ventilated, and interactions in close proximity or prolonged duration.

Methods for Crowd Control at Business Premises



Ensure all individuals scan MySejahtera QR Code¹, including outdoor retail, food and beverage activities



Avoid crowding by maximising or opening all entry and exit points. Prepare MySejahtera QR Code at all main entrances¹



Note: ¹Only need to scan at the main entrances/ lanes. Stores or kiosks that are located within supermarkets, wholesale markets, night markets/ bazaar or other similar locations do not need to provide MySejahtera QR code.

Source: Ministry of Housing and Local Government (KPKT)



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