# COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL VISITS AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE (APR 2022)

## **Booking of Visits**

- 1. Schools can only book slots to visit the museum from 9am 11am, 12pm 2pm or 3pm 5pm (up to 2 hours per slot) on weekdays. Pre-booking is required to visit the museum.
- 2. Schools will have exclusive access to the museum's galleries from 9am 10am, and measures will be taken to minimise contact when the museum opens to the public from 10am onwards.
- 3. Only the following types of visits can be booked, subject to individual guidelines. Please read the general guidelines before moving to each section.
  - Self-guided visits
  - Docent-guided tour of the Singapore History Gallery (1 hour)
  - Museum-Based Learning: Artefactually Speaking programme (MBL)

## Capacity

4. As restrictions on intermingling no longer apply, multiple schools can now book to come during the same timeslots. An overall museum capacity of 120 pax per 2-hour timeslot (inclusive of students and adults supporting them in their learning) still applies

#### Pre-visit

- 5. All students and teachers visiting will need to be <u>fully vaccinated</u> to enter the museum, and there will no longer be concession for unvaccinated visitors. If the student/teacher is medically ineligible for the vaccine, or have just recovered from COVID-19, they will need to bring along their doctor's note or the discharge order from MOH during the day of the visit.
- 6. Students are strongly encouraged to <u>bring only a small lightweight bag</u> to contain essentials like their stationery, water bottle, and snacks.
- 7. Students and teachers should assess their health prior to the visit. Those who are unwell (i.e. temperature higher than 37.5 °C) should not visit the museum, and are encouraged to seek immediate medical attention.
- 8. Teachers must conduct necessary briefings on museum etiquette, mask-wearing and hygiene practices and <u>split students into smaller groups</u> (details below) prior to the visit to the museum.
- 9. Students should <u>bring their TraceTogether token</u> for SafeEntry scanning at the museum. They can also use the TraceTogether app on their mobile phones.
- 10. Students are encouraged to go for a toilet break in school before travelling to the museum.

## At the Museum

- 11. Upon reaching the museum, students will go through SafeEntry by scanning their or TraceTogether token or using the TraceTogether app on their phones. All teachers and accompanying adults must also check-in via SafeEntry.
- 12. <u>Pre-school</u> teachers must submit a copy of the attendance list to the museum officer as a supporting document. This is not required for other levels.
- 13. Students and teachers who are unwell with flu-like symptoms during or before the visit will be brought to a designated area by museum staff, and the teacher in-charge will be asked to inform the school and proceed according to school SOPs immediately.
- 14. Students must move around the museum in their <u>pre-assigned groups of up to 10 pax.</u>
  They should remain in their groups and follow designated routes (for tours and programmes) to minimise contact with other visitors.
- 15. Students are highly encouraged to use the toilet on <u>level 3 of the museum</u>, which has been reserved for exclusive use of school groups.

#### For Self-guided Visits

- 16. With restrictions on intermingling and safe distancing for mask-on activities lifted, students from different classes and schools are allowed to mix during the visit.
- 17. However, students should still move around in groups of up to 10 pax, and it is recommended to spread different classes to the various galleries on level 1 (Singapore History Gallery) and level 2 (Life in Singapore galleries) to avoid overcrowding. Special exhibition(s) may also be available at the Basement level please check with the Education Officer when booking.

## For Docent-guided Tours

- 18. Docent-guided tours are only available for students in Primary 5 and above.
- 19. Each docent may only guide a group of not more than 10 pax (including accompanying adults).
- 20. Docent-guided tours are subject to availability of our volunteer guides, and may not be possible for larger groups.

#### For MBL Programme

- 21. The MBL programme is only available for Secondary 2 students.
- 22. The range of artefacts available for students to explore will be pre-determined by the museum.
- 23. All pre- and post-visit briefings should be conducted by teachers in school.
- 24. Museum officers will advise on the details of how the programme will be conducted for your school.

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## Safe Management Measures Undertaken by the Museum

- 25. The museum has increased the frequency of cleaning and disinfection of our premises, especially high touch surfaces and items.
- 26. Hand sanitisers are available in accessible locations throughout the museum.
- 27. Visitor Services Officers and Security Officers at the museum will assist to remind visitors to keep their masks on.