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Building Plan & Management Group

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Management Corporation
Chairperson/ Secretary/ Council Members

Dear Sir/Madam

Changes to Safe Management Measures in MCST Developments

Following the announcement by the Multi-Ministry Taskforce on further community opening, safe management measures (“SMMs”) will be further eased and mask-wearing in indoor settings will not be required from 29 August 2022. This means that from 29 August 2022, mask-wearing will not be required in all indoor and outdoor areas in MCST developments. In the case of MCST developments with *healthcare facilities, residential care homes (including welfare and sheltered homes for the aged, as well as adult disability homes) and ambulances*¹, mask wearing is still required.

2. Mask-wearing remains an effective way for us to minimise the risk of disease transmission. Even though we are currently in a state of the pandemic where mask-wearing in many settings would no longer be mandatory, members of the public are encouraged to continue to exercise responsibility and caution, such as wearing masks when in crowded places, or when visiting or interacting with vulnerable persons.

3. This further easing of SMMs is a significant milestone towards living with COVID-19. While many SMMs are no longer mandated, we urge everyone to continue to exercise personal and social responsibility. As we continue our journey towards achieving COVID-19 resiliency, we must also remain vigilant as the situation can quickly change with the emergence of new variants.

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¹ *These include indoor premises of hospitals and polyclinics (inclusive of retail, food and beverages (F&B) outlets, common areas and other facilities within the hospital/polyclinic building); private primary care and dental facilities, specialist clinics, Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) clinics, renal dialysis centres, clinical and radiological laboratories, day hospices; residential care homes; COVID-19 care facilities, testing centres and vaccination centres; as well as on emergency ambulances and medical transport vehicles. Please refer to [MTF press release](#) Annex B and C for more information.*