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16th May 2021

Dear Training Centres,

Updates for all Accredited Training Centres (TCs)

Tightening of Safety Measures (Update)

1. With the implementation of additional tightened safety measures announced by the Multi-Ministry Taskforce on 14th May 2021, we have consulted with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and would like to inform all Training Centres (TCs) of the following:
 - a. There will no changes to existing safety measures already implemented by Training Centres (TCs) (refer to 1st September 2020 Update Memo on SRFAC website - <https://srfac.sg/2020/09/01/srfac-updates-for-training-centres-010920/>).
 - b. **TCs can continue with the conduct of planned courses until informed otherwise.** However, **theory lessons should be conducted online whenever possible**, while the hands-on practice, practical and theory assessments must be conducted in the presence of the TC's instructors (in line with SRFAC's basic stance regarding elearning).
 - c. If the learners' employers have re-implemented split-team arrangements, do ensure that the learners from different teams should not be enrolled in the same course at the same time.
 - d. Movement of healthcare staff between different healthcare campuses is **not permitted until further notice.**
 - e. The implementation of Trace Together (TT) – only SafeEntry (SE) will be implemented on 17 May 2021. Training Centres should proactively remind staff and learners on the upcoming implementation of TT-only SE, to allow sufficient time for TT token collection and familiarization of the TT app (if they have not done so).
 - f. All TCs should ensure that their health and travel declaration forms **include the latest infection clusters in the forms.**
 - g. Please ensure **temperature taking is done at least twice daily** and staff or learners who are unwell or presenting Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) symptoms **must seek immediate medical attention.**
 - h. On-site physical class size of **up to 16 learners** will apply for all TCs (TCs within Institutes of Higher Learning, Healthcare Institutions and SAF/SCDF will remain capped at 40 learners).
 - i. Small groups for hands-on practical and assessment sessions **shall remain at 1 instructor and 1 manikin with up to 4 learners.** A ratio of **1 instructor and 1 manikin with 2 learners will be preferred**, if the TC



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- can arrange the necessary logistics and manpower. The instructor and learners **assigned to the practical small group should remain fixed**. Learners **should be permanently assigned a fixed practical partner within the small practical group** for the entire duration of the course.
- j. Chief Instructors and floor instructors must ensure that learners (including instructors) **wash/disinfect their hands before and after every hands-on session, as well as before and after every tea/lunch break**. Washing points and/or hand sanitisers must be made readily available for everyone's access. Manikins and non-disposable training aids (AEDs, MDIs or auto injectors used for training) must be **wiped down with disinfectant wipes before and after each learner's use as well as at the end of each course**. Other expendable items such as bandages should not be re-used for another course. **Steps for disinfection before and after practical hands-on as follows:**
- i. Instructor disinfects/washes hands and then proceed to disinfect manikin or training aid.
 - ii. Learners will disinfect/wash hands before touching the manikin/training aid for the practical hands-on.
 - iii. After their practical hands-on session is over, learners will disinfect/wash hands.
 - iv. Instructor will disinfect manikin/training aid and then disinfects/washes hands.
- k. The safe distance will be **1 meter between individuals and 2 meters between small practical groups**.
- l. There should be no intermingling during tea/lunch breaks and masks must be worn properly at all times except when eating or drinking.
2. Child First Aid (CFA) TCs are reminded of the heightened safety measures implemented by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) regarding the conduct of CFA courses for ECDA-regulated learners with effect from 16th May 2021 till 13th June 2021. For more details, refer to the update memo sent on 15th May 2021 - <https://srfac.sg/2021/05/15/srfac-updates-for-child-first-aid-cfa-training-centres-150521/>
3. SRFAC may conduct random observations at TCs to ensure compliance of the heightened safety measures. **All TCs will need to submit their planned/confirmed classes** to loke.jun.hao@upec.sg and daniel.wong.m.t@upec.sg.



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4. For the latest updates on the situation, please visit <https://www.moh.gov.sg/> for more information. We seek your cooperation to ensure that all safety measures are strictly adhered to. Take care and stay safe.
