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Fact Sheet – COVID-19 Safety Measures for NDP 2021 Show

1. To ensure the safety and well-being of everyone involved in NDP 2021, the Executive Committee has adopted a stringent set of COVID-19 safety measures:

Reduced Number of Performers

2. The NDP 2021 Show will have fewer performers than pre-pandemic years. This year's Show will involve about 600 performers at the Float. This marks a 70% reduction from the last time the NDP was held at the Float in 2018.

3. To reduce the density for adequate social distancing at the Float, performers were distributed across the Float and four satellite sites – National University of Singapore Field, Jewel Changi Airport, ActiveSG Yio Chu Kang Stadium and Marina Barrage. Performances at these satellites sites have been pre-recorded to reduce physical contact among the performers. Performances by students from the MOE schools were also recorded in a studio setting.

Vaccination and Active Surveillance

4. For their protection, all participants of NDP 2021 are fully vaccinated. They are required to undergo Antigen Rapid Testing before they gather for each Combined Rehearsal. This is to allow for any possible cases of infection to be detected early and swiftly ring-fenced to prevent the spread of the virus within our participant groups.

5. Participants are also required to use the TraceTogether app or token to check in and out of all premises to facilitate contact tracing efforts, where required.

Strict Safe Management Measures

6. During component rehearsals, performers are divided into smaller groups of up to 50 people, and subdivided into smaller groups wherever possible. Cross interactions between these groups are kept to a minimum and only on rehearsal grounds when necessary.

7. To reduce crowding, performers have been scheduled for rehearsals across staggered timings and at separate locations.

8. The NDP 2021 Show Committee has also deployed personnel from the Singapore Armed Forces to ensure strict adherence to the Safe Management Measures on site amongst the various groups, such as performers, trainers and organisers.

9. During the Phase Two (Heightened Alert) period in May, rehearsals were shifted online to allow the performers to learn their individual dance steps before coming together for larger group rehearsals. When Singapore reverted to Phase Two (Heightened Alert) in July, rehearsals for the Show performers were postponed in tandem with the postponement of NDP to 21 August.

Mask Wearing

10. All performers are required to wear masks, except when they are engaged in strenuous dance routines. The singers are sufficiently spaced out and allowed to unmask only during the period of their performances, with strict requirement to put their masks on immediately after.

Sanitisation and Hygiene

11. Performers are reminded to practise good personal hygiene, such as frequent hand sanitisation. All performers are equipped with individual equipment such as microphones, costumes, and props.

12. Frequent disinfection is done at rehearsal and holding venues. This includes a comprehensive wipe down of commonly and frequently used items such as chairs, tables, and toilets. All indoor holding areas are also ventilated after each rehearsal.

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