

## CAAS Circular 2021/28

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## HEIGHTENED VIGILANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES (SMMs) AT CHANGI AND SELETAR AIRPORTS

Our airport workers form the first line of defence against COVID-19 at Changi and Seletar Airports. In view of the recent emergence of cases amongst airport workers at Changi Airport, CAAS has worked with CAG to take immediate measures, including the closure of the Basement 2 of Terminal 3, to break the chain of transmission.

- 2 CAAS' enforcement officers have also been conducting daily SMMs surveillance and enforcement operations in the Passenger Terminals, airside and Changi Airfreight Centre. These operations aim to detect and deter non-compliance with the safe management measures (SMMs). Despite the extensive public communication on the importance and need to comply with the SMMs through several platforms, the surveillance team continues to see instances of non-compliance.
- CAAS takes a serious view of any non-compliance and will take firm enforcement action against anyone not complying with the SMMs, including the proper wearing of a mask and safe distancing. To date, advisories have been given to those found not in compliance. With immediate effect, the enforcement actions will include compounding offences in the first instance and, where necessary and warranted, prosecution, under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020. Anyone who commits an offence under the Regulations is liable, upon conviction, to a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment of up to a term of 6 months or to both. In the case of a second or subsequent offence, the convicted offender may be liable to a fine of up to \$20,000 or imprisonment of up to a term of 12 months or to both.
- The cooperation of our entire airport community is required to protect all of us against the spread of COVID-19. It is vital that everyone cooperates and exercises vigilance and discipline in implementing the SMMs. We urge all companies/employers to communicate and impress upon all their employees and contractors' personnel to do so. Collectively, we will effectively protect ourselves, our colleagues and everyone who works in, visits or passes through Changi and Seletar Airports.

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