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Dear Members,

**Re: Staying Vigilant and Strict Compliance to Safe Management Measures towards Possible Resumption of the Nightlife Industry**

1. As you may be aware, there is a newly emerged COVID-19 cluster involving foreign social hostesses who had frequented KTV lounges or clubs currently operating as temporary Food & Beverage (F&B) Establishments. Special testing operations are underway for all the staff at the 9 affected KTV/clubs; Supreme KTV (Far East Shopping Centre), Empress KTV (Tanglin Shopping Centre), Club Dolce (Balestier Point), Wu Bistro (Golden Mile Complex), Club De Zara (Textile Centre), One Exclusive (Middle Road), Level 9 (Middle Road), Club M (Middle Road) and Terminal 10 (Clarke Quay).
2. The cluster is unfortunate, and we hope that the authorities can quickly ringfence the situation and break any potential chain of transmission in the next couple of weeks to achieve normalcy. We want to state firmly that we do not condone operators who conduct disguised illegitimate operations and commit breaches of the safety measures. These operators have taken advantage of the pivot scheme and ought to be penalised for their reckless actions.
3. This incident has brought to light the importance for nightlife businesses to actively play their part, stay vigilant, duly adhere to, and comply with the prevailing COVID-19 safety regulations and guidelines in relation to their establishments.
4. The Singapore Government has announced its intent to progressively re-open the country with relaxation of restrictions on activities/sectors in a safe and calibrated manner through the nation's strategic direction on (i) Testing, (ii) Quick Tracing and (iii) Vaccination Programme.
5. Staff currently working in higher risk setting sectors such as the F&B, Spa & Wellness, Massage establishments, Hairdressing and Make-up Services have just started to undergo regular COVID-19 Testing under the Fast and Easy Testing initiative. This regime is part of measures that Singapore is taking to minimise virus transmission and the risk of large clusters breaking out.
6. SNBA envisions that our nightlife sector, when allow to resume, would be subject to similar arrangements, as well as other appropriate guidelines. We are preparing to discuss these guidelines in detail with the authorities to ensure our industry is heard. Possible safety measures we may need to take include rostered routine testing, mandatory PCR testing with negative results prior to entry into night establishments, or entry only for vaccinated persons, etc.

7. The resumption of Singapore's nightlife activities can be made possible with the whole industry uniting in effort. The collective commitment of operators is crucial as we adapt to new norms and new operating models. I firmly believe that we can rise to the occasion and emerge stronger from this pandemic.
8. Lastly, SNBA strongly appeals to operators who have resumed business (including those who have pivoted) to stay vigilant, abide, and comply with the measures set out by government agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of patrons against COVID- 19. It is only through our efforts to safeguard against transmission of COVID-19 that our industry can be given the green light to reopen.
9. Once again, we want to thank you all for your patience, cooperation, and support during this tough period.

Sincerely,



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