

## Advisory for Fund-raisers doing Street Collections Post Circuit Breaker

We will be exiting the Circuit Breaker period on 1 June 2020, and businesses will be allowed to resume activities in a safe and controlled manner over three phases starting with Phase One – Safe Re-opening from 2 June 2020. As the risk of a resurgence in community transmission remains high, economic activities that do not pose high risk of transmission will be resumed first. Social, economic and entertainment activities that carry higher risk will remain closed. All non-essential businesses, social or other activities that cannot be conducted through telecommuting or other means from home, shall remain suspended until further notice.

In line with the advisory issued by MOH on 19 May 2020, all house to house and street collections (HHSC) will not resume during Phase One - Safe Re-opening until further notice and offenders may be prosecuted. During this time, the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) and the Singapore Police Force (SPF) will also reject all HHSC permit/licence applications. Applicants will be informed when they can re-submit their applications in due time.

### What would this mean for charities?

Charities as well as commercial fund-raisers which are engaged by charities to conduct fund-raising appeals on their behalf, can no longer conduct appeals to the public, made by means of visits from house to house or of soliciting in streets or other public premises. We understand that the enhanced safe distancing measures will pose challenges to charities which are reliant on street collections for donations. We therefore strongly encourage charities to explore other modes of fund-raising, such as using online platforms to conduct fund-raising appeals. One such example is the Giving.sg platform and we have seen good support for donations through that portal. Charities should consider listing their fund-raising appeals there. Here are some Dos and Don'ts on fund-raising which charities should take note of during Phase One of the post circuit breaker period.

<b>[DO] Mode of fund-raising appeals permissible during Phase One of the post circuit breaker period</b>	<b>[DON'T] Mode of fund-raising appeals disallowed during Phase One of the post circuit breaker period</b>
Online fund-raising platforms, such as those which are listed as COC's trusted intermediaries, e.g. Giving.sg	Any visits from house to house or of soliciting in streets or other public premises
Charity's own website and other social media platforms	Any face-to-face fund-raising, including small group gatherings among members or private donors
Live streaming of video conference or teleconference	
Sending emails or EDMs to regular donors and members on mailing lists	

To help charities which are facing challenges in fund-raising due to the COVID-19 situation, the Commissioner of Charities has worked with our shared services partner, the Singapore University of Social Sciences, on a series of free webinars for charities on ways to fund-raise online effectively. These webinars are available for viewing by scanning the QR codes at the following [link](#).

Should you require assistance or clarification on the above matters, please do not hesitate to contact [MCCY\\_Charities@mccy.gov.sg](mailto:MCCY_Charities@mccy.gov.sg).

Stay safe and stay healthy. Together, we can overcome!