



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELECTED PUBLIC ACTIVITIES/WORK SETTINGS FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COVID- 19

The instruction notes are given for a range of public activities and work settings. Some sectors such as tourism, large shopping malls, event management, etc. would require reference to several instruction notes.

The Instructions are subject to overall permission given by the Ministry of Health to resume functions (totally/selected).

Each instruction note is issued by the Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services and are for the establishment/owner/ responsible authority to follow in prevention of transmission of COVID-19.



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36. Open Markets

Village fairs and economic centres will commence their functions when permitted. The below guidance is to support these functions to be carried out in a safe manner. Village fairs may need to increase the number of days they function for a week to reduce the number of vendors to allow distancing

1. Ensure the required logistics are available at the venue:
 - a. Hand washing Facilities with adequate water and soap supplies at multiple locations
 - b. If the premises have public toilets ensure that they are cleaned and disinfected, and provided with hand washing facilities and soap
 - c. Demarcate a clear entrance and an exit for the venue. If the market area is huge, divide the venue to sub areas and designate entrances and exits for each area.
 - d. Ensure that the pathway between vendors have sufficient distance to allow movement with physical distancing of at least 1 meter



- e. Strengthen ventilation: Roofed or open markets' trading area should be spacious and ventilated; indoor markets should open windows/ fan lights to facilitate air flow or assist ventilation with exhaust fans.
 - f. Disinfect the premises with the advice of the MOH prior to allowing vendors to bring in supplies and set up.
 - g. A general sign to communicate that people with fever/ respiratory symptoms should refrain from attending the market should be adopted or announced
 - h. To reduce overcrowding of the market/ centre, manage the number of people entering in a given time at the entrance and provide facilities for physical distance enabled queuing at the entrance
 - i. Facilitate garbage removal daily. Preferably via sealed transportation
2. Double the number of days on which the market is held, in order to reduce the crowd on a given day. E.g. – Saturday markets can be held on both Saturdays and Sundays
3. Manage the loading and unloading bays (mainly applicable for the economic centres)
 - a. Designate a specific time and entrance for the vehicles entering for loading and unloading.

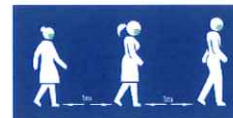


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4. Ensure the safety of the vendors
 - a. Inform all vendors to wear masks properly
 - b. Educate the vendors about how the virus spreads and the 7 prevention measures through using posters, banners, the public display screens or loudspeakers at the centre / market.
 - c. Instruct vendors to maintain a 1-meter distance from the customers at all times
 - d. Instruct vendors to be careful when handing cash and where possible disinfect their hand frequently.
 - e. Inform vendors not to share food or beverages and utensils for food consumption
 - f. Inform all vendors and employees to stay home if they are unwell (such as with symptoms of fever, cough, sore throat).
 - g. Provide instructions to vendors on keeping safe after returning home from the market:
 - i. Remove footwear before entering the residence
 - ii. Wash hands, face and feet with soap before entering
 - iii. Wash the clothes worn separately
5. Ensure the safety of the customers
 - a. All customers should wear masks properly
 - b. Entrance to the market is allowed only through the designated entrance
 - c. Always maintain a safe physical distance of 1 meter among other persons and vendors in the market
 - d. Avoid touching your face after being in contact with common surfaces and currency
 - e. Wash or disinfect your hands before entering and when leaving the market
 - f. Provide guidance on safety measures to the public after returning home from the market:
 - i. Remove footwear before entering the residence
 - ii. Wash hands, face and feet with soap before entering
 - iii. Wash the clothes worn separately
6. You are required to fill the provided Assurance form, indicating compliance with the instructions given. The original of the Assurance form should be submitted to the area Medical Officer of Health. A copy of the same should be sent to the local government authority (municipal council/ urban council/ pradeshiya sabha) and another copy should be kept with you. The owner is responsible to ensure that the above guidelines are strictly adhered to.

Method of Instructions

- Public signages can be used
- All vendors can be informed through a leaflet and, public address systems can be frequently used to announce on the prevention procedures



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