

ADVISORY FOR SAFE USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND OTHER VENUES DURING COVID-19

[Effective as of 19 March 2020]

INTRODUCTION:

Social distancing refers to the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and cancelling events.

During this period, the Ministry of Health **requires** all owners and occupiers of public facilities including food and beverage establishments, retail establishments, and other such venues including gyms, beauty establishments (including barbers, and hair salons) and entertainment venues to implement practices that encourage patrons/customers to practice social distancing.

For further information on any of the measures, managers/operators may contact the 24-hour Health Advice Line 148.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND OTHER VENUES

1. Dining venues

All dining venues will be closed as of Thursday, 19 March 2020 for dine-in services and are advised to take the following actions to reduce the risk of transmission:

- Serve take away and deliveries only for the time being.
- Provide hand sanitisers, disposable hand towels and ensure adequate handwashing facilities and consider temperature checks for staff.
- All staff should take the usual necessary preventive precautions, including, frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitisers and to not come to work as well as inform their supervisors if they develop fever and any respiratory symptoms.

2. Barber, hair salons and beauty parlors

Beauty establishments including barbers, hair salons and massage parlors are recommended to consider the following actions to reduce risk of transmission:

- Stagger customer appointments to avoid crowding.
- Ensure that the seats are arranged at least 1 meter apart.
- Ensure all equipment and related work instruments, table surfaces and other frequently-touched surfaces, toilets are wiped down very frequently, more so than usual using household disinfectants such Clorox or diluted bleach solutions. Please refer to the disinfection guidelines for workplaces available on the Ministry of Health website <http://www.moh.gov.bn/SitePages/COVID-19.aspx>
- Provide hand sanitisers, disposable hand towels and ensure adequate handwashing facilities.
- Consider temperature checks and registration forms to collect the contact details for dine-in customers (for ease of contact tracing, if needed).
- Staff must decline to serve customers who appear unwell and have respiratory symptoms.
- All staff should take the usual necessary preventive precautions, including, frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitisers and to not come to work as well as inform their supervisors if they develop fever and any respiratory symptoms.

3. Public transportation such as buses

Public transportation is needed to reach and get essential services by some of our community members who do not have their own transportation. Public transportation providers are recommended to consider the following to reduce risk of transmission:

- Imposing a reduced maximum capacity for each journey eg, 50% of current capacity.
- Stagger seating for passengers, eg, 1 passenger per seat and using alternate row seats.
- Ensure all frequently-touched surfaces, including seats and hand rails are wiped down very frequently, more so than usual using disinfectants such Clorox or diluted bleach solutions. Please refer to the disinfection guidelines available on the Ministry of Health website <http://www.moh.gov.bn/SitePages/COVID-19.aspx>

- Provide hand sanitisers, disposable hand paper towels or tissues and bins for passengers.
- Drivers should take all the usual necessary preventive precautions, including, frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitisers and to not come to work as well as inform their supervisors if they develop fever and any respiratory symptoms.

4. Gyms and sports facilities

All gyms and fitness centers, indoor sports halls and outdoor sports facilities, bowling alleys and golf courses will be closed temporarily as of Thursday 19 March 2020.

5. Museums, libraries and other cultural venues

All museums, libraries and cultural venues will be closed temporarily as of Thursday 19 March 2020.

6. Indoor and outdoor markets and other standalone stalls

Some markets held on specific days in Tutong and Temburong will be closed temporarily as of Thursday 19 March 2020, whereas others may still operate. Managers and stall owners of those markets should implement the following measures to ensure that patrons do not congregate and prevent risk of transmission:

- Patrons are not allowed to congregate or consume food on site. Takeaways are permitted.
- Ensure adequate spacing between vendors. If possible vendors should be placed at least 2 meter apart, or if not, then market vendors should operate on rotational/staggered system to prevent overcrowding.
- Ensure adequate handwashing and waste disposal facilities, including hand sanitizers.
- Avoid special events or other promotions.
- Reduce opening hours for markets or stagger the number of vendors operating for specific periods of time.
- Ensure all frequently-touched surfaces, toilets and handwashing areas are wiped down very frequently, more so than usual using disinfectants such Clorox or diluted bleach

solutions. Please refer to the disinfection guidelines for workplaces available on the Ministry of Health website <http://www.moh.gov.bn/SitePages/COVID-19.aspx>

- Vendors should take all the usual necessary preventive precautions, including, frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitisers and to not come to work if they develop fever and any respiratory symptoms.

7. Supermarkets and grocery stores

These outlets are considered as essential services for the public. To ensure safety within their premises they should implement the following:

- Extend opening hours to be able to stagger customer visits in order to avoid overcrowding.
- Ensure adequate handwashing and waste disposal facilities and provide hand sanitisers at the entrance.
- Ensure all frequently-touched surfaces, toilets and handwashing areas are wiped down very frequently, more so than usual using disinfectants such Clorox or diluted bleach solutions. Please refer to the disinfection guidelines for workplaces available on the Ministry of Health website <http://www.moh.gov.bn/SitePages/COVID-19.aspx>
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8. Retail establishments (stores, shopping malls)

Retail establishments should implement the following to prevent the risk of transmission:

- Close non-essential businesses and consider online business and transaction, quick pickup's or deliveries.
- Stagger customer visits in order to avoid overcrowding.
- Avoid special events or other promotions.
- Ensure adequate handwashing and waste disposal facilities and provide hand sanitisers at the entrance.
- Ensure all frequently-touched surfaces, toilets and handwashing areas are wiped down very frequently, more so than usual using disinfectants such Clorox or diluted bleach

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