



## 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.

Further guidance on occupational (work) settings if needed - please refer to

[http://eohfs.health.gov.lk/occupational/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=61&Itemid=208&lang=en](http://eohfs.health.gov.lk/occupational/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=61&Itemid=208&lang=en)



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## 18. Funeral Houses

### Specific message/s Instruction/s

#### For the Funeral House

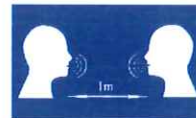
- Encourage private/ family funeral policy
- Encourage to complete the rites within minimum number of days Make sure that everyone in the funeral house wears a face mask
- Arrange hand washing facilities at entrance (with soap)
- There should be 1 meter distance between two chairs and have a minimum number of chairs to minimize the time spent
- Always adhere to physical distancing guidelines for COVID-19
- Board games, playing cards should be discouraged
- Alcohol consumption, smoking and betel chewing should be avoided
- If beverages needed to be served, a hot drink should be provided in a disposable cup, and a wastepaper basket kept for people to dispose of their cups
- Maximise ventilation, ensure proper functioning of air conditioners
- Regularly disinfect commonly touched surfaces (e.g. - door handles). Doors can be left open if non-ac.
- Advisable to have the cremation / burial as soon as possible.
- For deaths due to COVID - 19 the funeral arrangements will be according to the circular on the same

#### Attendees

- Do not attend the funeral unless it is essential share your condolences via telephone / email /other means
- Pay your respect as soon as possible and limit time spent at the funeral house
- Should always wear a mask
- Minimal people contact, show your condolences without physical contact, e.g. - by placing your palms together in front of your chest (do not hug/kiss)
- Always maintain 1-meter distance between people.
- Do not attend funerals if not feeling well (fever, cough and cold))/ having NCD/ pregnant /etc
- Wash your hands on entering and leaving the funeral house and have a bath as soon as you return home and clean all the belongings exposed

#### Method/s of instruction

- A notice can be put-up in the funeral house
- Mass media
- Social media



  
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