



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



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TOWARDS A NEW NORMAL



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48. Preparedness in Schools

New Normal behaviors appropriate for school settings are those for Distancing, Respiratory etiquette, Aseptic techniques such as hand hygiene, disinfections and not touching the face and appropriate wear of Mask.

It is mainly a combination of these which will prevent transmission. We believe that the school setting is very appropriate to introduce these set of new normal behaviors, some of which once adopted in childhood will have a long-lasting effect on our society. They will be useful in prevention and control of future outbreaks of other conditions too.

Specific message/ Instruction/s

For the Principal / Teachers /Students

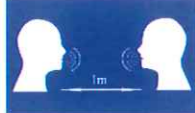
- Adequate orientation of teachers and other employees is necessary on how the precautions will be optimally maintained
- Frequent handwashing, Respiratory etiquette, and distancing should be practiced by teachers and set an example to students
- Ensure that facilities are available for hand wash and that there are adequate supplies of soap, detergents and cleaning equipment
- Ensure distancing through frequent awareness and reminders of its importance. The class rooms can be arranged in such a way to adopt a feasible distancing. Limitation in available space pose constraints in a classroom and strict one-meter distancing between tables and chairs may be not possible. In this situation awareness of children that face to face distancing should be maintained is very important.
- Respiratory etiquette - this is a very important habit that has to be inculcated - i.e. the correct way to cough or sneeze. Repeated reminders are important.
- Hand wash and not touching face - Handwashing facilities should be available and this should be available not only close to the school entrance but at different locations in school premises to encourage frequency of hand wash.
- Avoid touching of the face will be a powerful way to prevent most respiratory illness.
- The disinfection of frequently used surfaces is also needed as it is these places which can have contaminants.
- Children should be encouraged to wear reusable face masks, when coming from home until they reach the classroom.
- They should wear the mask when getting back home up to reaching home during travel.
- It is not required to wear the mask whilst in learning session in class.
- Children should be advised to keep the mask securely when not wearing it in a separate pouch which will not get dirty. Each child may require 6 reusable (washable, dry and use again) masks.
- Parents should be notified that they should not send their child to school if feeling unwell.
- Teachers and the principal should ensure that the pupils are following the given advises.
- Routine checking of temperature is not required.
- It is advisable to maintain a proper sick room in all schools



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- Sign boards to indicate the key practices to prevent COVID transmission can be displayed.

Schools are subject to frequent supervision by the local PHI and guidance for improving prevention measures should be followed.



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