



## 50. Cinema Halls/ Theatres /Performing Artists

Cinema halls and theatres are places of potential crowding, especially when entering and leaving the hall. In this setting, large numbers of people are likely to mix in a confined space for a length of time and therefore strict precautions are necessary.

### Specific message/ Instruction

#### For the management

- The staff should be trained on personal protection; correct way of wearing masks, hand hygiene, covering mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow when sneezing/coughing, precautions to be taken and how to maintain distancing for clients.
- Establish an employee health monitoring system, record the employees' health status every day, and those who feel unwell should seek medical treatment in time.
- Block every other seat by taping across
- Ensure adequate signs are available on site and messages are available on the website educating customers on the precautions to be taken and rules to be followed while at the cinema
- Precautions to be taken must be displayed on the screen and announced before the start of the play or the movie
- Set up hand washing facilities (foot operated/ sensor operated sink preferred) at the entrance and encourage all customers entering to wash their hands. Alternatively, hand sanitisers should abundantly available at different places including the ticket issuing counter and at the entrance to the hall
- Strengthen ventilation. In air-conditioned halls, ensure the normal operation of the air conditioner. In non-air-conditioned areas, increase the fresh air circulation.
- Cinema halls and theatres can operate at only 50% capacity until otherwise notified by the Director General of Health Services. This means that only every other seat can be issued/occupied. Family members can sit in adjacent seats.
- Intermissions (intervals) will not be allowed during the play or the movie until further notice
- Encourage online bookings and promote non-contact payment for on-site bookings, and reduce the queue time. At the time of booking, screen the customer for fever and/or respiratory symptoms (eg. cough, sore throat)
- If 3D glasses are issued these must be sterilised in between each customer
- Doors should be kept open whenever possible to minimise handling by customers
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces (such as door handles, elevator buttons, handrails, restroom door handles, etc.).
- Set a proper strategy for selling food and beverages before entering the movie theatre. Food and beverages are not to be distribute or sold in the movie theatre
- 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 of the cinema hall/theatre is responsible to ensure that the above guidelines are strictly adhered to.



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- At least a one-hour break must be ensured in between each movie or play where there are no customers inside the cinema hall/theatre, and a thorough disinfection of all seat arms, the back of seats and commonly touched surfaces such as railings and door handles must be carried out using a suitable disinfectant
- All changing rooms and washrooms should be well ventilated. They must be cleaned and disinfected frequently and a cleaning chart maintained. If possible, washrooms should be separate for the staff and customers.
- Food and beverage can only be sold outside the hall. Serving customers inside the hall is not permitted

#### **For the employees**

- Practice good hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, proper use of face mask and ensure you maintain a physical distance of at least 1 meter from others
- Do not come to work if you have fever and/or respiratory symptoms (eg: cough or sore throat)
- Keep the elevator, entry area and ticket issuing counter clean and tidy, and clear the rubbish in time.
- A “one meter spacing in line” (to wait in line at an interval of 1 meter) should be set to remind customers to keep a safe distance when queuing at the ticket counter and to enter the hall.
- The person issuing tickets must regularly disinfect their hands using hand sanitizer. The staff checking tickets at the entrance to the hall must not touch the ticket, a puncher machine should be used instead of tearing the tickets
- Customers should be verbally screened for fever and/or respiratory symptoms (eg. cough, sore throat) at the entrance to the cinema hall. Thermometers may be used to check for fever but are not essential. If temperature is to be checked at the entrance, non-contact infra-red devices are preferred, and staff must be trained on their proper use
- Ensure that customers wear masks and keep a distance of 1 meter from each other at all times
- Use of hand sanitizer should be encouraged by providing it at entrance and at different points
- Control people flow at the end of the movie by requesting customers to exit row by row
- Ensure that microphones are disinfected between performances

#### **For performing artists**

- Practice good hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, proper use of face mask where needed and ensure you maintain a physical distance of at least 1 meter from others when possible
- When applying make-up, the make-up artist must wear a face mask. Make-up brushes, sponges etc should not be shared between clients
- Wash hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer before and after each performance.
- Have a full wash and wash all your clothes as soon as you get home
- Do not touch frequently touched surfaces (door handles, water dispenser taps, etc.), equipment and facilities
- Strictly do not participate for events if you feel unwell (if you have symptoms such as fever/cough/sore throat)



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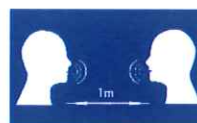
- Do not loiter/crowd around in changing rooms/backstage/common areas after performances and avoid taking selfies/group photos
- Avoid shaking hands, hugging, fist bumps and high fives
- Do not share water bottles, cups or utensils with others. Avoid sharing scripts
- Consumption of liquor is not permitted

**For the customers**

- Do not enter a cinema hall/theatre if you have fever and/or respiratory symptoms such as cough/sore throat
- Hand washing is strongly encouraged, the alternative is to use hand sanitizer after handling tickets and other commonly touched surfaces and objects (such as door handles)
- Customers must wear masks and keep a distance of 1 meter from each other at all times, including in the queue to buy tickets and to enter the hall
- Buy your tickets online in advance if possible
- Customers must practice respiratory etiquette and avoid touching frequently touched surfaces unnecessarily e.g. door handles, railings etc.
- Sit in the hall as arranged (only every other seat). Only family members can sit in adjacent seats.
- If you are taking food into the hall, it should be obtained before you enter the hall.
- If using 3D glasses, ensure that these are a newly disinfected pair
- Do not crowd at common areas such as the entrance before or after the movie or show
- When leaving the hall, do so in an orderly manner, row by row as announced by the management/staff

**Method/s of instruction;**

- Precautions to be taken must be announced on the website, at the entrance, displayed on the screen and announced before the start of the show.



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