



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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52. Outdoor Events

Outdoor events are considered as social gatherings in an open air situation usually for festivals, musical events, brand launches, etc. Outdoor events constitute of a complex combination of several industries sometimes coordinated by event managers. The general public consider such events to relieve stress in addition to income generation for some. As these creates multiple situations to meet new people and interact between larger numbers for longer periods, outdoor activities in a pandemic season should be cautiously conducted and should strictly adhere to health guidelines.

Outdoor events are more likely to gather larger crowds and are not advisable. Events can be permitted only on a case by case basis, but should strictly conform to principles of physical distancing.

Outdoor events should strictly have a responsible organizer who can be held accountable to COVID 19 precautions that have to be taken

Specific message/Instructions

For the management/organizers

- All staff members/performers should be trained/oriented on the relevant personal protection and precautions to be taken; respiratory etiquette (cover mouth and nose with elbow when sneezing/coughing, avoiding frequent touching of face), avoiding unnecessary contact with frequently touched surfaces and objects, hand hygiene, physical distancing (whenever possible), and correct way of wearing masks (when required)
- Prior approval and assurance for compliance is required for all events being organized. Take permission and advice from relevant stakeholders (Health authority, police department, local authority etc.)
- The organizer should establish a health monitoring system and appoint a person/team to look into the health and safety aspects. This will be to monitor the adherence of participants/staff/performers on COVID-19 preventive measures. Staff members/performers should be verbally screened for fever and/or respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, sore throat) at the entrance and 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 responsible person/team must be trained on their proper use
- Decide and plan the event, marketing campaign, audience, location, duration, time of the day, and number of participants to the event facilitating COVID-19 preventive measures. Decide on other affecting aspects to the event such as weather, other events nearby, other mass gatherings.
- Organizer should take full responsibility to maintain physical distancing throughout the event.



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- Control the people flow and make sure that 1-meter physical distance is maintained , after and throughout the period of event.
- Controlled entry and exit from venue is necessary to avoid any pooling and mixing of people
- Take relevant measures to avoid unnecessary gatherings, queues outside the premises of event, car parks and roads
- There should be a mechanism and space to control participants in the premises of event (Health safety person/team is responsible for this). Should maintain the 1m distance among individuals who are from different households. Innovative ways of strict physical distancing are to be adopted
- Provide hand washing facilities with soap and alcohol-based hand sanitizer for all at the entrance/s and if needed premises of event
- Physical distancing is not only for the participants, but should also be adhered by performers.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (door handles, water dispenser taps, etc.), equipment and facilities
- Changing rooms and washrooms should be well ventilated. They must be cleaned and disinfected frequently and a cleaning chart maintained. If possible, changing washrooms should be separate from the staff and participants.
- Ensure that there is adequate space to store belongings separately (and disinfect these regularly
- Consider use of disposable cups, utensils as much as possible
- Consumption of Alcohol is not permitted
- Unruly behaviors are not encouraged which can end up in not maintaining physical distance
- If there are street vendors, make sure they strictly adhere to the guideline for street vendors. No crowding around such vendors can be permitted.
- The owner/manager should fill the provided Assurance form at commencement of work, 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/manager of the premises is responsible to ensure that the above guidelines are strictly adhered to.

For the participants

- Strictly do not come for events if you feel unwell (if you have symptoms such as fever/cough/sore throat)
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer before and after the event if needed during event
- Avoid unnecessary contact with frequently touched surfaces and objects

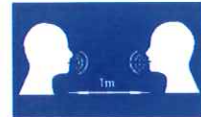
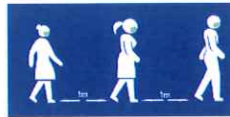


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- Practice good respiratory etiquette (cover mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow when sneezing/coughing and dispose of tissue in a closed bin)
- Avoid touching your face
- Wearing of mask is needed
- Avoid unnecessary chatting with other people and taking selfies/photos
- Use only permitted area. If the permitted area restricted to the individual of family basis do not enter to the other areas
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact with others such as shaking hands, high fives, fist bumps, hugs or group dancing
- Bring your own water bottle, and if refilling make sure you do not touch the dispenser tap with your bottle mouth.
- Do not share water bottles, cups or utensils with others
- Consumption of liquor is not permitted and arriving drunk is prohibited
- Do not linger at the premises or create any form of other social gathering
- Shower and change after coming to the house. Clothes should be washed

Method of instructions

- Mass media, social media
- Ensure adequate signages are available entry, exit, outside and on site, to remind participants on the precautions to be taken
- Announcements on “New Normal” , physical distancing, respiratory etiquette, aseptic procedure and proper use of face mask in beginning and throughout the period of event




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