



預防新型冠狀病毒肺炎 - 舉辦或參加餐飲聚會活動須知
Prevent Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia – Points to Note for Organizing or Attending Meal Gathering Events

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This guideline shall be executed by relevant individuals and public/private entities under the supervision of their supervisory entities. Under article 3 (Obligation to cooperate) of Law no. 2/2004 – “Law on the Prevention, Control and Treatment of Infectious Diseases”, to achieve the target of prevention, control and treatment of infectious diseases, individuals and public/private entities are obligated to closely cooperate with their supervisory entities, and comply with the orders and guidelines issued by their supervisory entities according to the law. This guideline is without prejudice to any more concrete or stringent orders/guidelines set out by relevant supervisory entities in light of the actual circumstances.

Population gathering and face-to-face contact are important factors for the transmission of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV). Guests attending catering events may remove their masks to eat for a prolonged period of time, thus exposed to a higher risk of transmission. With a view to lowering the risk of the virus spreading through such events, the guidelines below are hereby formulated for full compliance by event organizers and participants.

1. Purposes and scope of application

- 1.1 As participants in meal gathering events do not wear masks, this may easily lead to COVID-19 transmission; thus, it is necessary to adopt stringent anti-epidemic measures.
- 1.2 This guideline shall apply to all institutional, corporate, organizational or private meal gathering events.

2. Important points for organizers

- 2.1 Consider replacing banquets with receptions which do not need to take off masks;
- 2.2 Limit the scale and density of people, and keep distance between seats as far as possible; duration of activities should be shortened;



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- 2.3 Select venue and service providers that comply with this guideline and other relevant anti-epidemic guidelines;
- 2.4 In accordance with this guideline and other relevant anti-epidemic guidelines, require participants and workers to produce a proof of negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test depending on their vaccination status;
- 2.5 Record the contact method of participants during registration, record the list of participants and corresponding table number upon entry, and keep such record properly for 28 days to facilitate tracing whenever necessary;
- 2.6 Require participants to present their health code, submit to body temperature monitoring and record their visit with the health code. Holders of yellow/red health codes or people with fever or respiratory symptoms, contacts of COVID-19 cases, as well as people at higher risk (including those who have been to an epidemic area within the past 10 days) must be denied entry into the venue;
- 2.7 Provide alcohol-based handrub at the entrance and other places as appropriate for the use of entrants;
- 2.8 Require all people entering the venue to wear a mask and keep a distance with others when they are away from their dining table; do not offer off-table toasting activities, or instead change to symbolic toasting activities with masks on;
- 2.9 After the event, if participants, workers or performers are found positive in nucleic acid test for COVID-19, listed as at-risk groups (such as close contacts, contacts of close contacts, sharing common activity track), have travel history to medium or high risk areas, or have developed fever or respiratory symptoms in clusters, notify the organizer and the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control of the Health Bureau.



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3. Important points for venue and service providers

- 3.1 Make sure that workers are not listed in the at-risk population groups (such as close contacts or contacts of close contacts), not holders of yellow or red health code, and have not travelled to epidemic areas within the past 10 days;
- 3.2 Ensure that workers follow relevant anti-epidemic guidelines, including requirements on vaccination and nucleic acid testing; besides, workers in kitchens, waiters and cleaning workers should also wear a mask during work;
- 3.3 Remind and assist organizers and participants to abide by the relevant anti-epidemic guidelines; if an organizer fails to comply with the relevant anti-epidemic guidelines, the venue and services should not be provided;
- 3.4 Strengthen the cleaning and disinfection of facilities, equipment and articles in the venue, especially doorknobs, elevator buttons, faucets, tables and other frequently-touched surfaces;
- 3.5 Have liquid soap, disposable paper towel or hand-dryers ready in public toilets, and ensure the proper function of such equipment; do not provide public towels;
- 3.6 Ensure an adequate supply of fresh air in the indoor areas. For venues with air-conditioning systems, maintain fresh air supply and ensure the proper functioning, cleaning and disinfection of the filtering system;
- 3.7 Actively provide serving chopsticks and spoons for customers to use;
- 3.8 Avoid putting condiments, eating utensils and straws on the tables for self-serving by customers. It is recommended that such items be provided by staff on demand or in the quantity needed; otherwise, measures should be taken to prevent such items from being contaminated;



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3.9 Self-service food or beverages should be covered as appropriate to reduce the risk of contamination by respiratory droplets or hands.

4. Important notes for participants

- 4.1 Complete the course of COVID-19 vaccination, including the third dose, as soon as possible; those who have not completed the primary vaccination course or booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine should avoid participating in gathering activities whenever possible;
- 4.2 Wear a mask as much as possible and keep a minimum distance of 1 meter from non-companions;
- 4.3 Wash hands frequently with water and soap or rub hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes before performing hand hygiene;
- 4.4 Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing or coughing, and wash hands afterwards as soon as possible; if there is no tissue, cover mouth and nose with a sleeve or an elbow instead of your palms;
- 4.5 When sharing meals with others, serving chopsticks and spoons should be used;
- 4.6 After using the toilet, flush it with the lid closed and wash hands thoroughly; do not use a shared towel;
- 4.7 Avoid staying close to someone displaying symptoms suggestive of COVID-19;
- 4.8 Complete health declaration truthfully for health code application, and record your visits;
- 4.9 Do not participate in meal gathering events if you have any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 infection or have been to areas with community transmission of COVID-19.



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5. Scale of meal gathering events

According to whether the event is organized by public entities / funded by public finance, the scale of catering events that can be organized is shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Meal gathering events that can be organized (according to the nature of event)

No. of participants Remark 1	Organized by public entities or funded by public finance	Not organized by public entities or funded by public finance
>=300	No	Yes, but staff and participants must hold appropriate negative nucleic acid test certificate.
50-299	Only allowed if deemed essential, and staff and participants must hold appropriate negative nucleic acid test certificate.	Yes
<50	Yes	Yes

Remark 1: Staff who do not have a seat are not included in the number of participants.

6. Nucleic acid test and vaccination requirements for participants

6.1 The venue or service provider should remind the organizer of the relevant requirements while accepting the reservations, and the organizer should confirm and document that the participants have complied with the following requirements when the event is in progress:

Status of vaccination	The risk of epidemic	
	Negative nucleic acid test certificate within 7 days required by Zhuhai-Macao border control	Negative nucleic acid test certificate within 48 hours or less required by Zhuhai-Macao border



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	point (both inbound and outbound)	control point (either inbound or outbound)
Completed the whole course of the primary vaccination series (generally 2 doses)	Within 7 days from the day after the date of sample collection	Within 48 hours from the day after the date of sample collection
Not completed the whole course of the primary vaccination series	Within 48 hours from the day after the date of sample collection	Within 24 hours from the day after the date of sample collection

6.2 For weddings, full moon banquets, birthday banquets, and retirement banquets, if the banquet hosts really need to propose a toast, they should also meet the above-mentioned negative nucleic acid test certification requirements. The venue or service provider should remind the organizer of the relevant requirements while accepting the reservations.

For guidelines on personal hygiene, environmental hygiene and disinfection, air-conditioning and ventilation, please refer to the Special Webpage Against Epidemics: <https://www.ssm.gov.mo/PreventCOVID-19>