## Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) 2022 Lunar New Year Fairs

## Points to note for participants (stall operators and visitors) to prevent Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

- 1. All participants must wear masks at all times when entering and staying at the Venue.
- 2. All participants must be subject to temperature check before admission. People with symptoms (e.g. fever, acute respiratory discomfort, sudden loss of taste or smell) will be banned from entering. For those who present symptoms but are already at the Venue, they must leave immediately and seek medical treatment promptly.
- 3. Participants at the Venues should maintain a social distance as designated by the FEHD. The number of participants must not exceed the prevailing limit on group gathering as stipulated by the government for epidemic prevention.
- 4. Stall operators must keep and provide the FEHD with a detailed list of staff on duty, which includes their contact information, to facilitate contact tracing when necessary.
- 5. The 2022 Lunar New Year Fairs will be opened to the public at 9 a.m. on 26 January 2022 for seven consecutive days. Stall operators and their staff must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and must undergo a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 at their own cost within 48 hours before the fairs are opened to the public. Combined nasal and throat swab sample collected by professional shall be used as specimen for the test. The stall operators and their staff must keep the vaccination records and the SMS notifications containing the negative test results as proof and make such records and SMS notifications available for FEHD's checking before and throughout the Event.

## (Note:

- (a) Fully vaccinated means the suggested dosage has been administered in accordance with the relevant guidelines of a COVID-19 vaccination course at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the Event. For persons who have recovered from previous COVID-19 infection, they will be required to receive one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the Event in order to be considered as fully vaccinated. Please refer to the COVID-19 thematic website (<a href="https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk">https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk</a>) for "List of COVID-19 Vaccines Recognised for Specified Purposes" and relevant requirements concerning documentary proof for completion of vaccination.
- (b) If a person is unfit to receive COVID-19 vaccination because of health reasons, he

must make a declaration with the support of a medical certificate and undergo a polymerase chain reaction based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 at his own cost within 48 hours before commencement of the Event. Combined nasal and throat swab sample collected by professional shall be used as specimen for the test. The person must keep the declaration, medical certificate and SMS notification containing the negative test result as proof and make such documents and SMS notification available for FEHD's checking before and throughout the Event.)

- 6. Stall operators must provide disinfectant hand sanitisers at their stalls for use by participants.
- 7. There will be no stalls selling food and drinks at the fair venues. No one, with the exception of stall operators, their staff and on-site staff of the Government, are allowed to eat or drink at the fair venues. For staff of the stall operators, staggered meal breaks may be arranged; those who wish to eat at the stall are advised to do so alone while maintaining a social distance of at least 1.5 metres from others. They should also refrain from talking and perform hand hygiene before and after meal.
- 8. The "LeaveHomeSafe" venue QR code will be displayed at the entrance of the Venue. All individuals entering the Venue are required either to scan the venue QR code using the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile application on their phones or register their names, the first four digits or letters of their identification documents, contact numbers, the date and time of their visits as directed by the FEHD for record purposes.
- 9. To step up epidemic prevention efforts, stall operators and their staff may consider wearing eye protection (goggles or face shield) and change their masks in a timely manner when they are soiled. People are also required to observe hand hygiene and avoid activities which can generate aerosol, such as shouting, chanting or singing along.
- 10. Stall operators are advised to use contactless payment means whenever possible. For information relating to stored value facility licensees, please visit the website of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority at (https://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/regulatory-resources/registers/register-of-svf-licensees/).
- 11. The FEHD will conduct cleaning and disinfection in the communal areas of the fair venues no less than once per day, and clean and disinfect high-touch areas more frequently. Stall operators are required to carry out cleaning and disinfection of their stall on a daily basis using disinfection materials with durable efficacy (except goods such as fresh flowers and plants).
- 12. Any person who enters the Venue must comply with the latest directions of the Government issued through notices published in the Gazette or otherwise under all applicable

Ordinances and subsidiary legislation thereunder (including but not limited to the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599) and all subsidiary legislation thereunder including the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F), the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599G), the Prevention and Control of Disease (Wearing of Mask) Regulation (Cap. 599I)) and the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J), as well as any directions given by the FEHD on the prevention and control measures against infectious diseases (such as COVID-19) to be implemented at the Venue. People who contravene or fail to comply with the above regulations, requirements or directions may be liable to prosecution, while the stall operators may also be subject to early termination of the Licence Agreement.

- 13. Stall operators are also obliged to assist the FEHD and person-in-charge of the Venue in implementing infection control measures, including but not limited to the following:
- ensure compliance of the various infection control measures by methods such as random checking or regular inspection.
- the number of visitors, as well as the flow of people entering the Venue, participating in the event and leaving the Venue would be monitored and controlled to avoid overcrowding.
- conduct cleaning and disinfection at the Venue and for the facilities regularly.
- make special arrangements for individuals in need. For example, when the entrance of the Venue is congested, arrange the elderly to wait in a larger area.
- 14. Depending on the development of the COVID-19 outbreak, the above anti-epidemic measures may be subject to change. The government may also adjust the scale and business hours of the Lunar New Year fairs, tighten the admission requirements for members of the public or even cancel the event.