

Summary of latest measures on catering business and scheduled premises (with effect from 24 February to 9 March 2022) (Changes are shown in blue)

(Bars or pubs, amusement game centres, bathhouses, fitness centres, places of amusement, places of public entertainment, party rooms, beauty parlours, clubs or nightclubs, karaoke establishments, mahjong-tin kau premises, massage establishments¹⁶, sports premises, swimming pools, cruise ships, event premises¹⁷, religious premises¹⁸ and barber shops/hair salons must be closed.)

	Catering premises	Club-houses	Hotels/guesthouses	Shopping malls, Department stores, Markets and Supermarkets
Mask-on requirement	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exceptions for mask-on requirement	When consuming food/drink at the table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow directions applicable to catering premises or scheduled premises therein When having a shower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When consuming food/drink at the table in catering premises When having a shower Within a guest room 	Not applicable
Screening of body temperature	✓	✓	✓	Not applicable
Provision of hand sanitiser	✓	✓	✓	Not applicable
Contact tracing ¹	✓ ²	✓ ² Follow directions applicable to catering premises or scheduled premises therein	✓ ² Follow directions applicable to catering premises or scheduled premises therein	✓ ² Follow directions applicable to catering premises or scheduled premises therein
Vaccine Pass (unless otherwise specified, persons aged 12 or above should have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine for entering or remaining on specified premises) ^{3 & 4}	✓ Premises subject to active checking ⁵ Staff involved in the operation of catering premises ¹⁵ : must have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine Customers: must have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine	✓ Premises subject to active checking ⁵	✓ ⁵ Staff involved in the operation of hotels/guesthouses: must have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine Customers: not required to receive COVID-19 vaccine	✓ Premises subject to passive checking ⁵
Requirements for staff exempted from Vaccine Pass	✓ ^{6 & 7}	✓ ⁶	✓ ⁶	✓ ⁶
Relevant measures when measures for reducing transmission risks are not adopted ⁸	✓	Follow directions applicable to catering premises or scheduled premises therein	Follow directions applicable to catering premises or scheduled premises therein	Follow directions applicable to catering premises or scheduled premises therein
Distancing ⁹	Adequate distance or effective partition between tables	Follow directions applicable to catering premises or scheduled premises therein	Follow directions applicable to catering premises or scheduled premises therein	Follow directions applicable to catering premises or scheduled premises therein
Cleaning and disinfecting	Not applicable	Follow directions applicable to catering premises or scheduled premises therein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All areas, furniture and utensils etc., in the guest rooms must be disinfected after each rental session All towels and consumables used in the guest rooms must be changed after each rental session 	Follow directions applicable to catering premises therein
Headcount	Maximum 2 persons per table	Follow directions applicable to catering premises or scheduled premises therein <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting rooms/function rooms: 50% of the maximum capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting rooms/function rooms: 50% of the maximum capacity 	Follow directions applicable to catering premises therein
Dine-in service hours ¹⁰	5am to 5.59pm	Follow directions applicable to catering premises therein	Follow directions applicable to catering premises therein	Follow directions applicable to catering premises therein

	Catering premises	Club-houses	Hotels/guesthouses	Shopping malls, Department stores, Markets and Supermarkets
Maximum number of persons per banquet	Banquet not allowed	Follow directions applicable to catering premises therein	Follow directions applicable to catering premises therein	Follow directions applicable to catering premises therein
Live performance	Live performance or dancing activity not allowed	Meeting rooms/ function rooms: live performance or dancing activity not allowed	Meeting rooms / function rooms: live performance or dancing activity not allowed	Follow directions applicable to catering premises therein
Karaoke or mahjong-tin kau activity	Suspended	Suspended	Suspended	Not applicable
Shower facilities ¹¹	Not applicable	✓	✓ (facilities in the communal area)	Not applicable
Steam and sauna facilities	Not applicable	Closed	Closed	Not applicable
Specific requirements and restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dedicated staff must be arranged for clearing used utensils and cleaning and disinfecting used tables and partitions¹² ● Requirements on air change or air purifiers for the seating area must be fulfilled¹³ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Catering premises or scheduled premises therein must follow applicable directions ● Facilities used as the scheduled premises to be closed must be closed ● Ball pit must be closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Catering premises or scheduled premises therein must follow applicable directions ● Facilities used as the scheduled premises to be closed must be closed ● Designated Quarantine Hotels/Guesthouses must comply with the relevant requirements¹⁴ ● Guesthouses other than Designated Quarantine Guesthouses must not accept persons under quarantine as guests ● Hotels other than Designated Quarantine Hotels must not accept persons under quarantine who have stayed in Taiwan or places outside China as guests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Catering premises therein must follow applicable directions ● Facilities used as the scheduled premises to be closed must be closed ● Ball pit must be closed

Note

1 To display the poster containing the “LeaveHomeSafe” (LHS) venue QR code at the entrance of the premises or at a conspicuous location which must be unobstructed at any one time so that it is readily accessible for scanning with a mobile phone/other mobile device by a person entering the premises and the size of the image of the poster displayed must not be less than 210 x 297mm (A4 size).

2 For premises subject to "active checking" (see note 5) and hotels/guesthouses, it must be ensured that before a customer is allowed to enter the premises, he/she scans the LHS venue QR code using the LHS mobile application on his/her mobile phone/other mobile device. This requirement does not apply to a customer only ordering takeaway at a catering business premises. [Customers or users of premises subject to "passive checking"\(see note 5\) should also comply with the above LHS related requirements, but the requirement for relevant premises operator to ensure compliance with the LHS requirements by customers or users is not applicable.](#)

The following three categories of persons may use the specified form available on the COVID-19 Thematic Website / Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) webpage or a written or electronic form separately prepared containing all content in the aforementioned standard form to register his/her name, contact number and the date and time of his/her visit as an alternative to the use of the LHS mobile application. The relevant premises operator must keep the written or electronic records for 31 days:

- persons aged 65 or above and aged 15 or below;
- persons with disability; and
- other persons recognised by the Government or organisation(s) authorised by the Government for this purpose.

For persons aged 15 or below entering a catering premises or scheduled premises, he/she would not have to register his/her personal information using the specified form if he/she is accompanied by an adult who has complied with the LHS requirement (i.e. he/she has used the LHS mobile application or use the specified form to register relevant information as an alternative in accordance with the requirements). [For premises subject to "passive checking", the three categories of persons are not required to fill in the specified form.](#)

The above requirements on customers’ use of LHS mobile application do not apply to scheduled premises that are regulated under Cap. 599F and owned or managed by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

3 To facilitate the public’s understanding of the Vaccine Pass requirements, notes 3 to 7 set out the key requirements. For other relevant requirements and exemption arrangements etc., please refer to the Vaccine Pass Direction issued under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Vaccine Pass) Regulation (Cap. 599L) (G.N.(E.) 268 of 2022) and the Vaccine Pass thematic website (www.vaccinepass.gov.hk).

Under the arrangements for the first stage of Vaccine Pass (from 24 February to 29 April 2022), except for exempted persons (see note 4), all persons aged 12 or above (including staff, customers, users and visitors etc.) are required to receive

at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine for entering or remaining on any specified premises (except for staff involved in the operation of catering premises who should receive two doses of COVID-19 vaccine and customers of hotels/guesthouses who are not subject to any vaccination requirement). All persons entering or remaining on specified premises are required to carry an electronic or a paper copy of their COVID-19 vaccination record or COVID-19 Vaccination Medical Exemption Certificate (Exemption Certificate), and present it on the request of authorised officers or persons-in-charge. For other Vaccine Pass requirements, please refer to the Vaccine Pass Direction issued under Cap. 599L (G.N.(E.) 268 of 2022).

4 Persons exempted from the Vaccine Pass requirements include: (a) a person aged below 12; (b) a person holding an Exemption Certificate; (c) a person entering a premises only for placing an order for takeaway of food or drink, or taking such food or drink on the premises; (d) a person delivering or picking up an article on the premises; (e) a person performing necessary repairs on the premises; (f) a person entering or passing through a premises for receiving vaccination, medical treatment, a COVID-19 testing, receiving essential Government services, or participating in legal proceedings; and (g) a person who has lawful authority or reasonable excuse for entering or remaining on the premises. For detail of the exemption conditions, please refer to the COVID-19 Thematic Website (www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/vp_t2_ENG.pdf).

5 For premises subject to “active checking”, the person-in-charge should:

- (a) display a notice in the specified format (see Vaccine Pass Direction for detailed requirements) in a prominent position at or near every entrance to the premises;
- (b) inspect the vaccination records or Exemption Certificates (as applicable) of all persons entering or remaining on the premises to ensure that the visitors fulfill the requirements under the Vaccine Pass;
- (c) for persons entering or remaining on the premises, other than staff members involved in the operation of the premises, if the vaccination record or Exemption Certificate (as applicable) presented in accordance with (b) contains or is in form of a QR code, use the latest version of the “QR Code Verification Scanner” mobile application developed by the Government to scan the QR code of vaccination record or Exemption Certificate and keep the log record for 31 days (for the purpose of identifying and tracing of any person who may have been exposed to the risk of contracting COVID-19, the person-in-charge is required to upload the log record to an information system specified by the Government on the request of an authorised officer);
- (d) for persons entering or remaining on the premises, other than staff members involved in the operation of the premises, whose vaccination record or Exemption Certificate (as applicable) presented in accordance with (b) does not contain or is not presented in a form of a QR code, and for children aged below 12 not accompanied by an adult, require such persons to make a declaration or provide their contact information using the specified form available on the COVID-19 Thematic Website/relevant website of the FEHD to collect the name, telephone number, date and time of visit of such persons entering or remaining on the premises and to keep the declaration or information collected for 31 days; and
- (e) for staff members involved in the operation of the premises, collect and retain the vaccination record or Exemption Certificate (as applicable) of his/her staff members for inspection on the request of an authorised officer.

For premises subject to “passive checking”, the person-in-charge of the premises should:

- (a) display a notice in the specified format (see Vaccine Pass Direction for detailed requirements) in a prominent position at or near every entrance to the premises; and
- (b) for staff members involved in the operation of the premises, collect and retain the vaccination record or Exemption Certificate (as applicable) of his/her staff members for inspection on the request of an authorised officer.

For hotels/guesthouses, the person-in-charge of the premises should:

- (a) collect and retain the vaccination record or Exemption Certificate (as applicable) of his/her staff members for inspection on the request of an authorised officer.

6. If a staff member involved in the operation of the premises is exempted from the Vaccine Pass requirement under the Vaccine Pass Direction (see note 4), he/she must undergo a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for once every 7 days starting from 24 February 2022 and the sample(s) of the test(s) must be taken through combined nasal and throat swabs, and ensure that a SMS notification containing the result of the test is obtained before 3 March 2022 and the end of every subsequent 7-day period and keep record of each SMS notification for 31 days.

7 If a staff member involved in the operation of catering premises has not received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine on the day of 24 February 2022, but have received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, the relevant premises operator and staff member who adopt the following measures may be deemed to have complied with the relevant requirement about staff members receiving two doses of COVID-19 vaccine:

- (i) ensure that such staff member has already made an appointment for receiving the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine and the date of appointment for the second dose of vaccine and the date of receiving the first dose of vaccine can at most be 35 days apart, and ensure that the relevant staff member keeps record of the above appointment; and
- (ii) arrange for such staff members to undergo a polymerase chain reaction based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 once every 7 days starting from 24 February 2022 and the sample(s) of the test(s) conducted must be taken through combined nasal and throat swabs which must not be taken by the person being tested, and ensure that such staff obtain SMS notification containing the result of the test before 3 March 2022 and the end of every subsequent 7-day period and keep record of each SMS notification for 31 days.

In respect of catering businesses which operate in Type B or Type C mode of operation from 10 February to 23 February 2022, if a staff member involved in the operation of catering premises had been issued an Exemption Certificate and such staff member subsequently received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine but has not received the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine during the period from 24 February to 9 March 2022, then the relevant premises operator and staff member who adopt the above two relevant measures would not be deemed to have violated the relevant requirement about staff members receiving two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

8 When the relevant measures applicable to the premises are not adopted, taking into account factors such as the risks involved in the relevant circumstances, the relevant premises have to be closed for 14 days, or for catering business premises to shorten the period during which dine-in service may be provided for 3, 7 or 14 days, to reduce the transmission risk in the relevant premises. In general, if measures in relation to contact tracing and testing/vaccination are not adopted, the closure of relevant premises or shortening the period during which dine-in service may be provided would last for 14 days; 7 days if measures on headcount restriction or adequate distancing are not adopted (such as restrictions and requirements on the maximum number of persons at each table/facility/group; maintaining at least 1.5 metres or effective partition between facilities, etc); and 3 days if other measures are not adopted (such as requirements on mask-wearing, body temperature screening, disinfection and cleaning, provision of hand sanitisers, etc).

9 “Adequate distance” means there is a distance of at least 1.5 metres between the two while “effective partition” means there is some form of partition which could serve as effective buffer between the two.

10 Save for specific catering business as listed in Annex 2.

11 The following infection control recommendations must be applied to shower facilities: (a) keep social distancing between users of at least 1.5 metres by opening alternate shower heads if they are not within individual cubicles; (b) carry out cleaning and disinfection of the shower cubicles at least once every four hours; (c) carry out regular environmental cleaning and disinfection on the facilities including storage cabinet at least daily; and (d) forbid sharing of personal items such as towel.

12 If the relevant arrangement is not practicable, it must be ensured that the staff responsible for clearing used utensils and cleaning and disinfecting used tables and partitions must adopt hand hygiene measures before switching to perform other duties, and should adopt hand hygiene measures as necessary during each round of cleaning-up duties. Hand hygiene measures include using alcohol-based hand sanitisers, washing hands or changing gloves.

13 Person responsible for a catering premises must have fulfilled the requirements on air change or air purifiers for the seating area of catering premises specified by the FEHD on or before 30 April 2021.

14 The relevant requirements include: (i) only persons under quarantine who have stayed in Taiwan or places outside China, any carers who have undertaken to stay with those persons throughout the latter's stay at the hotel/guesthouse and persons who have stayed in Taiwan or places outside China and who are exempted from compulsory quarantine can be accepted as guests; (ii) members of the public must not have access to the hotel/guesthouse premises (except for lobby, customer service desks and carparks, etc., which have proper segregation and separate access control); (iii) subject to the applicable directions referred to in (ii) above, other non-accommodation facilities (including fitness centres, swimming pools, beauty parlours or massage establishments, business centres, catering premises, meeting rooms or function rooms, etc.) in the hotel/guesthouse must be closed; (iv) the manager must take all reasonable steps to ensure that guests under quarantine and any carers who have undertaken to stay with them could not leave their guest room/suite during their stay except in emergency situations or as directed by the Department of Health; (v) the manager must take all reasonable steps to ensure that guests under quarantine could not receive any visitors into their guest room/suite during their stay (except for any carers who have undertaken to stay with them throughout the latter's stay); and (vi) the manager must comply with the infection control guidelines and directions issued by the Department of Health.

15 For catering businesses, staff members involved in the operation of the business on the premises include any persons who (i) serve food or drink (including intoxicating liquors) to the customers on the premises or (ii) conduct promotional or sales activity on the premises in respect of food or drink (including intoxicating liquors) supplied thereon.

16. Massage establishments do not include the specified premises set out in Annex 3.

17. Event premises is allowed to open only when used for holding a wedding ceremony (specified wedding ceremony) with the number of participants not exceeding the statutory required attendance for marriage (i.e. (i) the Register, civil celebrant or officiating minister, (ii) the wedding parties and (iii) 2 witnesses) under Marriage Ordinance (Chapter 181) and with no food or drink served (except as part of a religious ritual). [Staff involved in the operation of event premises should comply with the applicable requirements under the Vaccine Pass Direction whereas attendees are not subject to any vaccination requirement.](#)

18 Religious premises is allowed to open only when used for holding a specified wedding ceremony or funeral. [Staff involved in the operation of religious premises should comply with the applicable requirements under the Vaccine Pass Direction whereas attendees are not subject to any vaccination requirement.](#)