

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)
2023 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 when entering or staying at the fair venues. Masks should be well-fitted against the face to maximize its protection effect.
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 fair venues, they must leave immediately and seek medical treatment promptly.
3. Participants at the fair 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 2023 Lunar New Year Fairs are scheduled to open to the public at 9 a.m. on 16 January 2023 for seven consecutive days. Stall operators and their staff must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and must undergo a rapid antigen test (RAT) for COVID-19 at their own cost within 24 hours before the fairs are opened to the public and once every three days thereafter before entry into the fair venues and keep record of each RAT result for three days. The stall operators and their staff must keep the vaccination records / recovery record QR code and the photos showing the RAT-negative testing kit as proof and make such records and photos available for FEHD's checking before and throughout the event.

(Note:

- (a) Fully vaccinated means having received COVID-19 vaccine in the manner specified in the Vaccine Pass requirements at least 14 days prior to the commencement of the event. Please refer to the COVID-19 thematic website (<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk>) for "List of COVID-19 Vaccines Recognised for Specified Purposes", relevant requirements concerning documentary proof for completion of vaccination and

Vaccine Pass requirements.

- (b) RAT for COVID-19 once every three days means the stall operator and his staff deployed to work at the stall must, on the day when they enter the fair venue, hold a RAT result obtained on that day or on any of the two days immediately preceding the day when they enter the fair venue. For photos showing the RAT-negative testing kit, the testing kit should be marked with the name of the stall operator or his staff and the day of taking the RAT.
 - (c) If a person is unfit to receive COVID-19 vaccination because of health reasons, he must make a declaration with the support of a COVID-19 Vaccination Medical Exemption Certificate with an encrypted QR code (Medical Exemption Certificate). The person must keep the Medical Exemption Certificate as proof and make such document available for FEHD's checking before and throughout the event.
 - (d) The recovery record QR code is valid within 180 days (i.e. six months) from the date of recovery.)
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 should perform hand hygiene before and after meal.
 8. The "LeaveHomeSafe" venue QR code will be displayed at the entrance of the fair venues. All individuals entering the fair venues 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. Stall operators and their staff are required to show their Vaccine Pass for visual inspection by authorized officer

upon entry or remaining on the fair venues. Persons who are holding a Red Code of the Vaccine Pass are not allowed to enter the fair venues. A person with a Red Code who fails to comply with the requirements applicable to him, including entering fair venues, commits an offence.

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. Stall operators are required to carry out cleaning and disinfection of their stall (except goods such as fresh flowers and plants) on a daily basis using 1:99 diluted household bleach (mixing 1 part of 5.25% bleach with 99 parts of water), leaving for 15 – 30 minutes, and then rinsing with water and wipe dry. And for metallic surface, disinfection with 70% alcohol instead. While 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.
12. Any person who enters the fair venues 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 Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599G), the Prevention and Control of Disease (Wearing of Mask) Regulation (Cap. 599I), the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) and the Prevention and Control of Disease (Vaccine Pass) Regulation (Cap. 599L)), 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 fair venues. 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 fair 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.
- Monitor and control the number of visitors, as well as the flow of people entering the venue, participating in the event and leaving the venue 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.