

Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)

Hong Kong Flower Show 2023

Points to note for stall operators and staff to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

1. All persons shall wear well-fitted surgical mask (excluding mask with exhalation valve or vent) and any appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) at all times on entry and inside the venue.
2. All persons shall be subject to body temperature checks before entry. Those with symptoms (e.g. fever, acute respiratory discomfort, sudden loss of taste or smell) will be prohibited from entering the venue. Those who have symptoms but are already inside the venue shall leave immediately and should seek early medical advice.
3. Those inside the venue should maintain social distancing as specified by the LCSD. The number of persons admitted to the venue shall not exceed the prevailing limit on group gatherings as stipulated by the Government for epidemic prevention purposes.
4. The Licensee shall keep and provide the LCSD with an on duty staff list with contact details, in a bid to facilitate contact tracing as and when necessary.
5. The Licensee shall provide disinfectant hand sanitisers at stalls for use by visitors.
6. There shall be no stalls selling food and drinks inside the venue. No one, except licensees, their staff and on-site Government officers, is allowed to eat or drink inside the venue. Staggered meal breaks may be arranged for licensees and their staff. Those wishing to eat at stalls are advised to do so alone while maintaining social distancing of at least 1.5 m. They should refrain from talking and keep hands hygienic before and after meals.
7. The “LeaveHomeSafe” venue QR codes will be displayed at the entrance of the venue. All persons shall scan the venue QR codes with their phones’ “LeaveHomeSafe” mobile apps on entry.
8. The Licensee must comply with the latest requirements applicable to the staff members involved in the operation of the relevant scheduled premises in the Vaccine Pass Direction issued under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Vaccine Pass) Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. L) (*Vaccine Pass Direction*). Licensees 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 show is opened to the public and once every three days thereafter before entry into the show venues and keep record of each RAT result for three days. The licensees 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 LCSD’s checking before and throughout the event.

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- (i) 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.

- (ii) RAT for COVID-19 once every three days means the licensee and his staff deployed to work at the stall must, on the day when they enter the show venue, hold a RAT result obtained on that day or on any of the two days immediately preceding the day when they enter the show venue. For photos showing the RAT-negative testing kit, the testing kit should be marked with the name of the licensee or his staff and the day of taking the RAT.
 - (iii) 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 LCSD's checking before and throughout the event.
 - (iv) The recovery record QR code is valid within 180 days (i.e. six months) from the date of recovery.
9. To step up anti-epidemic efforts, the Licensee and its staff may consider wearing eye protection equipment such as goggles and face shields, while changing masks in a timely manner when they got soiled. All persons are also required to observe hand hygiene and refrain from any activities which may generate aerosols, such as shouting, chanting or singing songs.
 10. The Licensee is advised to maximise the use of contactless payment means. For information related to stored value facility licensees, please visit the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's website (<https://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/regulatory-resources/registers/register-of-svf-licensees/>).
 11. The LCSD will conduct cleaning and disinfection in communal areas of the venue no less than once daily, while stepping up the frequency of cleaning and disinfection at high touch surfaces. The Licensee shall carry out cleaning and disinfection of their stall and items, except goods such as fresh flowers and plants, on a daily basis, with use of the disinfection materials of durable efficacy.
 12. All persons shall comply with the latest directions of the Government issued by notice 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), 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 LCSD on the prevention and control measures against infectious diseases such as COVID-19 to be implemented at the venue. Those contravening or failing to comply with the above regulations, requirements or directions may be liable to prosecution, while the licensees in question may be subject to early termination of the Licence Agreement.
 13. The Licensee is also obliged to assist the LCSD and persons-in-charge of the venue in implementing infection control measures, including but not limited to:
 - Conducting spot checks or regular visits of the venue to ensure compliance with various infection control measures by visitors;
 - Monitoring and controlling the number of visitors admitted to the venue, as well as the visitor flow on entry, during and after the event to avoid overcrowding; and

- Carrying out cleaning and disinfection in the venue and for the facilities therein on a regular basis.

14. In view of the latest development of COVID-19, the LCSD may at its absolute discretion revise the above anti-epidemic measures and the Licensee shall comply with such revised measures at its cost. In addition, the LCSD may adjust the scale and opening hours of the HKFS, tighten the admission requirements for members of the public, or even cancel the whole event.