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To: All Club Certificate of Compliance Holders or Responsible Persons

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Latest Directions by the Secretary for Food and Health
published on 30 November 2020**

The local COVID-19 epidemic situation is serious. There have been over few hundred confirmed cases reported from the large outbreak cluster caused by group gathering activities in indoor premises. A considerable number of local cases with unknown source have indicated the existence of many silent transmission chains in the community. The Government considers that there is a need to further tighten the social distancing measures, targeting those closed, crowded, closely-contacted, and mask-off leisure and entertainment group activities.

2. The Secretary for Food and Health issued new directions on 30 November 2020, under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) (“Regulation”). The new directions take effect from **2 December 2020 to 15 December 2020**, for a period of 14 days. For club-houses, the major requirements and restrictions are as follows –

I. The following measures must be adopted –

- (a) clubhouse must display the LeaveHomeSafe venue QR code at the entrance of the clubhouse or at a conspicuous position within two working days upon receipt of the QR code;
- (b) a person must wear a mask at any time within the clubhouse, where practicable;
- (c) body temperature screening on a person must be conducted before the person is allowed to enter the clubhouse;
- (d) hand sanitizers must be provided at the clubhouse for any person therein;
- (e) any catering premises (premises on which food or drink is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises) therein must follow the directions as set out at G.N. (E.) 223 of 2020 issued under the Regulation¹;
- (f) shower facilities, if any, must adopt infection control recommendations as set out at G.N. (E) 224 of 2020 issued under the Regulation²; and

¹ G.N. (E) 223 of 2020 is available at www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/202024117e/egn202024117223.pdf

² G.N. (E) 224 of 2020 is available at www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/202024117e/egn202024117224.pdf

- (g) for meeting rooms or function rooms, no live performance or dancing activity is allowed and the number of persons must not at any one time exceed 75% of the normal capacity of that room.

II. The following facilities in club-houses (if any) must be closed –

- (a) amusement game centre;
- (b) bathhouse;
- (c) place of amusement;
- (d) club or nightclub;
- (e) karaoke establishment;
- (f) mahjong-tin kau premises;
- (g) swimming pool;
- (h) steam and sauna facilities; and
- (i) ball pits.

III. The following facilities in club-houses (if any) may be open subject to compliance with the respective restrictions and requirements³ applicable to the facilities –

- (a) fitness centre;
- (b) beauty parlour;
- (c) massage establishment;
- (d) sports premises; and
- (e) hotel or guesthouse.

3. For details of the further tightening of social distancing measures under Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance and the summary of the latest directions, please refer to the Government press release⁴ published on 1 December 2020 and the Government Notice published in Government Gazette⁵.

4. The Office of the Licensing Authority of the Home Affairs Department will step up inspections to various premises to ascertain the compliance to the directions. Since the epidemic situation could fluctuate, special arrangements may have to be re-introduced at short notice. Please continue to pay attention to further updates available on the website of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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³ The relevant restrictions and requirements are available at www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/202024117e/egn202024117224.pdf

⁴ Government press release published on 1 December 2020: www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202012/01/P2020120100068.htm

⁵ Government Notice published in Government Gazette on 30 November 2020:
www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/gazette/volume.php?year=2020&vol=24&no=117&extra=1&type=0