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To: All Hotel / Guesthouse Licensees or Responsible Persons
All Club Certificate of Compliance Holders or Responsible Persons

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Latest Directions by the Secretary for Food and Health
published on 2 March 2021
(Government extends social distancing measures
under Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance)**

The Government began to relax social distancing measures in a gradual and orderly manner on 18 February 2021. The Government has decided to maintain most of the existing requirements and restrictions applicable to catering business premises and scheduled premises, as well as the requirements for group gatherings and mask wearing with effective from 4 to 17 March 2021, subject to further notice.

2. Some scheduled premises including **hotels, guesthouses and club-houses** may open when the relevant requirements and restrictions are fulfilled (e.g. ensuring that users scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" venue QR code using the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile application on their mobile phones or **register their names, contact numbers and the dates and times of their visits before the persons are allowed to enter the premises;** and arranging for all staff involved in the operation of the premises to undergo a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 once every 14 days).

3. For details of the latest directions in relation to scheduled premises, please refer to the Government press release¹ issued on 3 March 2021 and Government Notice (GN) 134 of 2021².

4. In view of the detection of a recent COVID-19 cluster in eateries, the Government requires catering business premises to step up disease prevention measures in order to reduce the infection risk. Any catering premises within **hotels, guesthouses and club-houses** must also follow the applicable directions as set out at GN 133 of 2021³ issued under Cap. 599F, including: -

¹ The press release is accessible at <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202103/03/P2021030300045.htm>

² GN 134 of 2021 is accessible at <https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20212558e/egn20212558134.pdf>

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- (i) designated staff must be arranged for clearing used utensils and cleaning and disinfecting used tables and partitions (cleaning-up duties) and separate staff must be arranged for other duties not involving cleaning-up duties; or
 - (ii) If the above arrangement is not practicable, it must be ensured that the staff carrying out any of the cleaning-up duties must adopt hand hygiene measures, i.e. using alcohol-based hand sanitisers, washing hands or changing gloves, before switching to perform other duties, and should adopt hand hygiene measures as necessary during each round of cleaning-up duties.
5. As the epidemic situation could fluctuate, you are requested to pay attention to the updates on the various social distancing measures available from the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health.
6. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in fighting the virus.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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