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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 5 May 2020

In light of the more stabilized epidemic situation in Hong Kong in the recent weeks, the Government proposed lifting some of the social distancing measures. In this connection, the Secretary for Food and Health published latest directions on 5 May 2020 under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions)(Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) ("Regulation") for the compliance by relevant trades and premises.

2. As regards the operation and business of clubhouses, the latest directions to be effective from 8 May 2020 to 21 May 2020 covered the following major requirements and restrictions –

- (a) a person must wear a mask at any time within the clubhouse, where practicable;
- (b) body temperature screening on a person must be conducted before the person is allowed to enter the clubhouse;
- (c) hand sanitizers must be provided at the clubhouse for any person therein;
- (d) 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.) 38 of 2020<sup>1</sup> issued under the Regulation;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> G.N. (E) 38 of 2020 is available at <u>www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20202428e/egn2020242838.pdf</u>

- (e) shower facilities, if any, must adopt infection control recommendations as set out at G.N. (E) 39 of 2020 issued under the Regulation<sup>2</sup>;
- (f) any part(s) of the clubhouse being used or operated as a fitness centre, beauty parlour, massage establishment and mahjong-tin kau playing facility must follow the requirements and restrictions as set out in relevant parts of G.N. (E.) 39 of 2020 issued under the Regulation<sup>3</sup>; and
- (g) karaoke facilities, steam and sauna facilities, ball pits, or any part(s) of the clubhouse being used or operated as premises for hire for holding social gatherings (commonly known as party room) must be closed.

3. For details of the lifting of certain social distancing measures under Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance, please refer to the Government press release published on 5 May 2020 (www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202005/05/P2020050500874.htm).

4. Since the epidemic situation could still 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 (CHP) of the Department of Health. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2 and 3</sup> G.N. (E) 39 of 2020 is available at <u>www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20202428e/egn2020242839.pdf</u>