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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 8 September 2020  
(Government continues to relax social distancing measures under  
Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance in a gradual and orderly manner)**

Taking into account the fact that local epidemic wave has continued to subside and the situation is stabilising gradually, as well as the need for the society as a whole to resume social and economic activities, the Government has decided to continue to relax social distancing measures in a gradual and orderly manner. Under the measures of this phase of relaxation, starting this Friday (September 11), the Government will relax the number of persons allowed in group gatherings in public places from two to four; increase the number of persons allowed to be seated together at one table to four in catering business premises; re-open the sports premises which have not been allowed to open under the last two phases in order to provide more opportunities for the general public to exercise to maintain physical and mental health so that they will be fit to continue to combat the epidemic; and re-open some entertainment premises where the infection risks can be considerably reduced through enhanced prevention and control measures in order to allow more social and economic activities to resume.

2. The Secretary for Food and Health published the latest directions on 8 September 2020 under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions)(Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). Among the directions given, club-houses may be open subject to the relevant requirements and restrictions. However, the following premises and facilities in club-houses (if any) must be closed:

- (a) bathhouse;
- (b) party room;

- (c) club or nightclub;
- (d) karaoke establishment;
- (e) swimming pool;
- (f) steam and sauna facilities; and
- (g) ball pits.

3. Also, the following premises and facilities in club-houses (if any) may be open subject to compliance with the respective restrictions and requirements applicable to the premises:

- (a) catering premises;
- (b) amusement game centre;
- (c) fitness centre;
- (d) place of amusement;
- (e) cinema or as other forms of entertainment venue similar to place of public entertainment;
- (f) beauty parlour or massage establishment;
- (g) mahjong-tin kau premises; and
- (h) sports premises.

4. The latest directions will be effective from 11 September 2020 to 17 September 2020, for a period of seven days. For details of the relaxation of certain social distancing measures under Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance and the summary of the latest directions, please refer to [the Government press release](#)<sup>1</sup> published on 8 September 2020 and [the Government Notice published in Government Gazette](#)<sup>2</sup>.

5. 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,

(Signed)  
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<sup>1</sup> Government press release published on 8 September 2020: [www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202009/08/P2020090800764.htm](http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202009/08/P2020090800764.htm)

<sup>2</sup> Government Notice published in Government Gazette on 8 September 2020:  
[www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/gazette/volume.php?year=2020&vol=24&no=79&extra=1&type=0](http://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/gazette/volume.php?year=2020&vol=24&no=79&extra=1&type=0)