

## **CRRT Notice (4): Tightened Social Distancing Measures and Precautionary Measures**

COVID-19 Rapid Response Taskforce

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Dear Colleagues and Students

In light of the drastic deterioration of the epidemic situation in Hong Kong, the Government will tighten a number of social distancing measures starting from 10 February 2022 and will implement a vaccine pass scheme with effect from 24 February 2022. The tightened measures include:

- a. On top of the original 17 scheduled premises, six scheduled premises will be added, including religious premises, shopping malls, department stores, supermarkets, markets, and barber shops or hair salons. Any person who enters scheduled premises will be required to use the “LeaveHomeSafe” mobile application and comply with the relevant requirements under the “vaccine pass”.
- b. Existing social distancing measures will be extended until 24 February 2022. Religious premises, barber shops and hair salons are required to suspend operations.
- c. Catering premises under Type D Mode of Operation will be required to operate under the “vaccine pass” arrangement, with all customers having received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine while allowing a maximum of four persons per table.
- d. Other types of catering premises and scheduled premises regulated under Cap. 599F will be required to operate under the “vaccine pass” arrangement starting from 24 February.
- e. The maximum number of people permitted for group gatherings in public places will be lowered from four to two.
- f. Multi-household gatherings at private premises involving more than two households will be prohibited.
- g. The fixed penalty for any person who fails to comply with the compulsory testing requirement will be doubled from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Fighting the epidemic requires concerted efforts of the whole community. We appeal to your support in observing all the anti-epidemic measures and avoiding non-essential group activities. If you have respiratory symptoms, please wear a surgical mask, refrain from work or attending class at school, avoid going to crowded places and seek medical advice promptly.

Please stay vigilant and keep well.

Best regards

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