



## **Advice to court users visiting Judiciary premises during the period of general adjournment of court proceedings**

In view of public health considerations, the Judiciary strongly advises all court users (including parties, legal representatives, reporters, members of the public and contractors' staff) who need to come to the Judiciary premises for various reasons, including those coming to the premises for court businesses (such as court proceedings), to pay attention to and take the following actions:

- (a) Court users entering Judiciary premises have to undergo body temperature checks. A court user whose body temperature is higher than 37.5°C or who refuses to undergo body temperature check will be refused entry into Judiciary premises for the day. Court users are advised to allow sufficient time for relevant procedure;
- (b) Court users entering or remaining in Judiciary premises are required to wear surgical masks at all times, including during court proceedings, unless otherwise as directed by the presiding Judge or Judicial Officer. A court user who does not wear a surgical mask will be refused entry into or directed to leave Judiciary premises;
- (c) Court users who are subject to any quarantine requirement or medical surveillance of the Government should apply to the court for permission of absence/inform the court with reasons for absence as appropriate;

- (d) Court users should follow any instructions given by the Judiciary staff and security personnel, including limiting the number of court users entering Judiciary premises, for public health and crowd management purposes;
  - (e) Court users should maintain good personal hygiene at all times and disinfect their hands after entering Judiciary premises/touching any handles/pressing any buttons etc. as far as practicable. Alcohol-based handrub is provided at entrances, registries and courtrooms of all law courts buildings;
  - (f) Court users should avoid gathering or staying in Judiciary premises as far as practicable; and
  - (g) Court users should keep abreast of the latest health information disseminated by the Centre for Health Protection ([www.chp.gov.hk](http://www.chp.gov.hk)).
2. Court users are advised to check the Judiciary website ([www.judiciary.hk](http://www.judiciary.hk)) to get updated information as necessary.

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