



## **Advice to court users visiting Judiciary premises Preventive measures and crowd management**

Having regard to the prevailing public health situation, the Judiciary considers it necessary to continue putting in place appropriate preventive measures and crowd management arrangements to regulate the people flow within the Judiciary premises, and avoid any gathering of crowds in confined areas including courtrooms and registry areas.

2. The preventive and crowd management measures include :

- (a) court users, including parties and legal representatives, who are subject to any quarantine requirement or medical surveillance of the Government should not come to the Judiciary premises to attend court proceedings or conduct business at court registries / accounts offices. They should apply to the court as soon as practicable for permission of absence / inform the court with reasons for absence as appropriate;
- (b) court users are required to undergo body temperature check and wear a surgical mask before they are allowed to enter and remain in the Judiciary premises. Any court user who has a fever / refuses to undergo body temperature check / does not wear a surgical mask will be refused entry into or directed to leave the premises;
- (c) court users entering the Judiciary premises are required to walk on the disinfectant floor mats at the entrances;

- (d) cleaning and disinfection of public areas, frequently-touched surfaces (such as door handles, lift buttons and escalator handrails) and public toilets are performed at a higher frequency as necessary;
- (e) to maintain social distancing, the seating capacity of courtrooms and lobbies are reduced by about 50%. In addition, capacity limits are set for confined areas such as registries and account offices to avoid crowding of users; and
- (f) court users should maintain good personal hygiene at all times and disinfect their hands frequently during their stay in the Judiciary premises. Alcohol-based handrub is provided at entrances, registries and courtrooms of the premises.

3. Queuing and other crowd management measures that are necessary to support the above arrangements, as well as security controls to limit the number of court users entering and remaining in the Judiciary premises, will be put in place as appropriate.

4. Court users are strongly advised to check the updated information from the Judiciary's website ([www.judiciary.hk](http://www.judiciary.hk)), and follow the advice of the Judiciary staff and security personnel when they attend for court businesses.

**Judiciary Administration**

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