



## **Advice to court users**

### **Preventive and crowd management measures**

Having regard to the prevailing public health situation, the Judiciary will strictly enforce appropriate preventive and crowd management measures to ensure that the courts can carry on business as safely as circumstances permit.

2. The preventive and crowd management measures include:

- (a) any court users, including parties and legal representatives, who have a fever or a high body temperature, and/or are subject to any quarantine requirement or medical surveillance must not come to the Judiciary premises. They should apply to the court as soon as practicable for permission of absence or 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, unless otherwise directed or permitted by a Judge or Judicial Officer. 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, chessboard seating arrangements are being applied in the public gallery of courtrooms and court lobbies, with seating capacity reduced to about half. Broadcasting of proceedings will be arranged if necessary and if practicable. In addition, capacity limits are set for areas such as court lobbies, registries and account offices to avoid crowding; 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 all Judiciary premises.
3. Where appropriate, queuing and other crowd management arrangements will be in place to regulate the people flow and avoid crowding.
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 instructions of the Judiciary staff and security personnel.
5. For enquiries or assistance regarding the preventive and crowd management measures in the Judiciary premises, please call the hotline at 2869 0869.