



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; who are subject to any quarantine requirement, medical surveillance or compulsory testing while waiting for test results; and/or who are preliminarily tested positive or tested positive for COVID-19 are **not** allowed to enter 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 entering Judiciary premises are required to undergo body temperature check; and they are also required to wear a surgical mask at all times unless otherwise directed or permitted by a Judge or Judicial Officer. Any court users who have a fever or a high body temperature; who refuse to undergo body temperature check; or who do not wear a surgical mask will be refused entry into or directed to leave Judiciary premises;
- (c) court users entering Judiciary premises are required to walk on the disinfectant floor mats at the entrances;

- (d) to enhance social distancing, seating capacity of the public gallery of courtrooms, court lobbies, registries and account offices has been reduced to half. Broadcasting of court proceedings will be arranged if necessary and practicable. In addition, capacity limits and admission control will remain in force for major areas such as courtrooms, court lobbies, registries and account offices;
 - (e) protective shields and partitions have been installed in courtrooms as appropriate;
 - (f) cleaning and disinfection of public areas, frequently-touched surfaces (such as door handles, lift buttons and escalator handrails) and public toilets will continue to be carried out at a higher frequency as necessary;
 - (g) court users should maintain good personal hygiene at all times and disinfect their hands frequently during their stay in Judiciary premises. Alcohol-based handrub is provided at entrances, courtrooms, registries and account offices; and
 - (h) for public health reasons, court users will continue to not be allowed to bring food to Judiciary premises for consumption.
3. Where appropriate, queuing or other crowd management arrangements will be put in place to regulate the flow of people.
4. Court users are strongly advised to check the updated information from the Judiciary's website (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 Judiciary premises, please call the hotline at 2869 0869.