INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELECTED PUBLIC ACTIVITIES/WORK SETTINGS FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COVID-19

The instruction notes are given for a range of public activities and work settings. Some sectors such as tourism, large shopping malls, event management, etc. would require reference to several instruction notes.

The Instructions are subject to overall permission given by the Ministry of Health to resume functions (totally/selected).

Each instruction note is issued by the Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Indigenous Medical Services and are for the establishment/owner/ responsible authority to follow in prevention of transmission of COVID-19.
42. Mobile Food Vendors; Raw/Washable Food

Description – These guidelines refer to food items (e.g.: fish, meat, vegetables, fruits, dry rations) sold by vendors who go door to door or operate at wayside stalls.

Specific message/ instructions
For the owner/Operator
- Always operate at one designated place or route and get updated on identification of patients or direct contacts of COVID patients from your operating area.
- Police and health officials (PHIs) to have a list of mobile vendors operating in their respective areas.
- Never intrude a locked down, isolated area for business.
- Do not engage in work if you feel unwell and do not allow anybody at home to work on your behalf.
- Keep items weighed and packed prior to starting operations when possible.
- Set a limited number of customers per session to maintain physical distancing. Display the number that can be served at one time in the vehicle.
- Try to price the items with round figures, so that requirement for change money would be minimal.
- Always wear a face mask properly and have one extra in the vehicle/stall in an event your mask gets dampened/torn.
- Keep a disinfectant available in the stall/vehicle and clean your hands whenever you remove the gloves.
- You are required to fill the provided Assurance form, indicating compliance with the instructions given. The original of the Assurance form should be submitted to the area Medical Officer of Health. A copy of the same should be sent to the local government authority (municipal council/ urban council/ pradeshiya sabha) and another copy should be kept with you. The owner is responsible to ensure that the above guidelines are strictly adhered to.

For the User/ Client
- Select one young, healthy person from the family to go for shopping.
- Take your own bag / basket.
- Wear the facemask properly.
- Always maintain minimum of 1-meter physical distance.
- Spend minimum time to buy things.
- Keep coins / notes available to pay the exact amount of the bill, without exchanging the money.
- As soon as you return home wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Clean the items properly prior to storage or cooking.
- Safely discard the used masks into a closed bin.
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Method/s of instruction

- An instruction sheet given at the pradeshiya saba at the time of registration.
- Signposts.
- Notices / posters at each vehicle / stall.
- Social media.

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