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.
37. Street vendors

Description: Street vendors are a common sight in Sri Lanka. A street vendor is a person engaged in vending of goods, food items or merchandise of everyday use or offering services to the general public, in a street, lane, side walk, footpath, pavement, public park or any other public place or private area, from a temporary built up structure or by moving from place to place. It is strongly recommended that a committee to be established in every Municipal Council in Sri Lanka looking into the standards of street vendors. Furthermore, every street vendor should be made aware of their responsibility to keep the environment clean and maintain hygienic conditions.

The Organizer - Municipal Council/Environmental Protection Authority/Health
- To establish a division in urban municipal councils to address the matters of street vendors
- Establish a division / a committee to inspect and allocate space (stationary) and areas for mobile street vendors
- Ensure adequate space to maintain physical distancing between stationary street vendors
- Develop a registering system with local authority – contact details of all vendors
- Ensure that required precautions are taken by the vendor e.g. hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, face mask etc
- Ensure the safety of the vendors and consumer- frequent programs to educate the vendors on how the virus spreads and prevention measures, (physical distancing, Respiratory etiquette, wearing of masks properly, hand hygiene)

The Vendors:
- should know how the virus spreads and the prevention measures
- should maintain a 1-meter distance from the customers at all times
- Should wear the mask properly
- Should know safety precautions when handing cash and where possible disinfect their hand frequently.
- Should disinfect their vehicle or their carrier
- Should stay at home if they are unwell.
- 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.

Method of Instructions
- Use of signs and posters

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