Operational guidelines on preparedness and response for COVID-19 outbreak for work settings

Street Vendors

Please follow the relevant sections of the General Guidelines (published in this webpage) in addition to the following specific measures.

Responsibilities of the registering authority

- Public Health Inspector should inspect and list all the street vendors in his area.
- The business should be registered with the area Medical Officer of Health.
- Once the application is received, MOH should issue a temporary certificate for commencement of the business considering the inspection report of PHI.
- It has been proposed the registration of business under the food premises registration scheme within three (3) months after complete opening of the country.

Responsibilities of the owner/vendor

- Always operate at one designated place, and get updated on identification of patients or direct contacts of COVID patients from your operating area.
- Keep items weighed and packed prior to starting operations.
- Display price tags for goods to minimize verbal communication with customers.
- Use tongs to handle cooked foods.
- Frequently touched surfaces including weighing scale, weights, cash box, shelves etc. should be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- The person who engages in cleaning of frequently used equipment should use appropriate personal protective equipment.

Physical distancing

 Place should be arranged in order to minimum of one meter physical distance with other vendors and customers.

Hand hygiene

- Practice hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use alcohol based hand sanitizer whenever possible.
- Wash or sanitize hands after handling cash or alternatively should wear gloves.

Respiratory hygiene

- Wear masks properly while doing business.
- Refrain from touching the mask or face.

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