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**ADVISORY FOR LARGE-SCALE EVENTS AMIDST THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS SITUATION**

1. The Ministry of Health (MOH) is closely monitoring the 2019 novel coronavirus situation. At present, Singapore has had a cluster of limited local transmission of the virus. However, there is no evidence of widespread transmission in the community yet. As such, large-scale events may proceed as planned. Nevertheless, we urge everyone to be pro-active in safeguarding the health and well-being of participants.

2. MOH recommends the following precautions for large-scale events:

- Individuals who are unwell should not attend. They should avoid public spaces and contact with others, and instead seek medical attention. Any staff or participant who becomes unwell during the event should leave immediately to seek appropriate medical attention.
- Individuals placed on Leave of Absence (LOA) should not attend events. They are strongly advised to remain at home and minimise their time spent in public spaces.
- Individuals with recent travel history to mainland China, in particular Hubei province, should not attend.
- Individuals who are well do not need to wear masks.
- Individuals should remain vigilant and practise good personal hygiene, such as washing their hands regularly, at all times.

3. Organisations/ event organisers may consider the following measures to further mitigate the potential risk of disease transmission during events:

- Prominently display notices at entrances to an event, and during pre- or onsite registration, to remind participants not to attend the event if they are unwell, placed on LOA, or have recent travel history to mainland China, in particular Hubei province, within the last 14 days.
- Deny entry to staff and participants who are unwell with fever or respiratory symptoms such as cough or shortness of breath, individuals on LOA, and individuals with recent travel history to mainland China, in particular Hubei province, within the last 14 days.
- Maintain a registration list of participants (if practicable).
- Ensure that event venues are ventilated and are adequately equipped with hygiene facilities e.g. washrooms.

- Increase the frequency of cleaning of commonly used areas, such as toilets, registration and payment counters, and dining areas.
4. As the 2019 novel coronavirus situation is evolving rapidly, MOH will continue to monitor the situation closely, and provide updates and further advice when necessary.
  5. For the latest information on the 2019 novel coronavirus situation, please visit the Singapore Ministry of Health website at [www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg).

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