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ADVISORY FOR LARGE-SCALE EVENTS AMIDST THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS SITUATION

1. The Ministry of Health (MOH) had stepped up our risk assessment from DORSCON Yellow to DORSCON Orange on 7 February, as there are now a few local cases without any links to previous cases or travel history to China.
2. With the heightened risk posture of DORSCON Orange, MOH advises event organisers to cancel or defer non-essential large-scale events.
3. For event organisers who choose to proceed, MOH advises that necessary precautionary measures be taken. These include:
 - Carrying out temperature screening.
 - Looking out for respiratory symptoms such as cough or shortness of breath.
 - Denying entry to unwell individuals.
 - Reminding participants not to attend the event if they are unwell, have been placed on leave of absence (LOA) or have recent travel history to mainland China in the last 14 days. This could be in the form of pre-event reminders, prominent notices at entrances to an event, notices during pre- or onsite registration.
 - Ensuring that event venues are ventilated and are adequately equipped with facilities for hand washing.
 - Increasing the frequency of cleaning of commonly used areas, such as washrooms, registration and payment counters, and dining areas.
 - Maintaining a registration list of participants (if practicable).
4. For events participants, MOH recommends the following precautions:
 - 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 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, within the last 14 days 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 and avoiding touching their face.
- Avoid shaking hands with other event participants, and consider adopting alternative greetings.

5. 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.

6. For the latest information on the 2019 novel coronavirus situation, please visit the Singapore Ministry of Health website at www.moh.gov.sg.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) FOR ORGANISERS OF LARGE-SCALE EVENTS

1. What is considered a large-scale event?

As a rough guideline, event organisers of events with more than 1000 attendees should put in place the necessary precautions as advised by the Ministry of Health. Organisers of smaller events could consider implementing the precautionary measures where practicable.

2. What types of events should be considered non-essential events?

The importance of various events differs according to the needs and priorities of respective organisations. However, examples of non-essential events that organisations may wish to consider postponing or cancelling could include dinner and dance events, as well as family day events.