

Guidelines on Prevention of Ebola Virus Disease for Participants of Public Functions

When attending a public function, the Department of Health advises members of the public to take the following precautionary measures to minimise the risk of contracting and spreading Ebola virus disease.

Disease information

<http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/content/9/24/34397.html>

Before the function

- If you do not feel well, especially when you have fever, and/or respiratory symptoms such as coughing or sneezing, sore throat or muscle pain, put on a surgical mask and seek for medical attention promptly. Do not attend the function.
- Bring surgical masks, tissue papers and 70 to 80% alcohol-based handrub with you.
- Take heed of government announcements with respect to the risk of spread of infections and take appropriate precautionary measures.

During the function

- Maintain good personal hygiene.
- Keep hands clean at all times. Perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before and after touching your mouth, nose or eyes; before eating, after using the toilet; after touching public installations such as handrails or door knobs; or when hands are contaminated by respiratory secretion after coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands with liquid soap and water, and rub for at least 20 seconds. Then rinse with water and dry with either a clean cotton towel or a paper towel. When the hands are cleaned, do not touch the water tap directly again (for example, using a paper towel to wrap the faucet before turn it off).
- If hand washing facilities are not available, or when hands are not visibly soiled, hand hygiene with 70 to 80% alcohol-based handrub is an effective alternative.
- Cover your mouth and nose with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing. Do not spit or litter. Use tissue paper to hold your spit. Dispose of the soiled tissues into a lidded rubbish bin, and then wash hands thoroughly. Spitting or littering in public is an offence and the offender is liable to a fixed penalty.
- Avoid close contact with feverish or ill persons, and avoid contact with patients' blood and body fluids, and objects contaminated with blood or body fluids of patients.
- Avoid contact with animals.

After the function

- Take a shower or bath and wash your hair when you return home to remove any dirt and germs that you might have come across.

- Wash your clothes properly.
- If feeling unwell, put on a surgical mask and seek medical attention promptly.

At all times

- Maintain good personal hygiene.
- Maintain good environmental hygiene and indoor ventilation.
- Build up body resistance and maintain healthy lifestyle. This can be achieved through balanced diet, regular exercise and adequate rest.
- Do not smoke and avoid alcohol consumption.

For more information

Please visit the Centre for Health Protection thematic website at http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/34199.html

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