Preventive measures for COVID-19 implemented by the Legislative Council Secretariat (Updated on 19 February 2021)

In view of the latest situation of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Secretariat ("Secretariat") will implement the following special arrangements and epidemic prevention measures from 22 February 2021:

- (a) Secretariat staff will resume normal work. Meanwhile, the Secretariat will implement flexible working hours and lunch hours and arrange individual staff members to continue to work from home according to their actual needs (e.g. health conditions);
- (b) Public Entrance 2 and entrance to the four-lift lobby at LG1 will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm from Monday to Sunday, or 30 minutes after the end of the last meeting of the day (whichever is the later);
- (c) Members' Entrance 2, Footbridge Entrance and entrance to the three-lift lobby at LG1 will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm from Monday to Friday, or 30 minutes after the end of the last meeting of the day (whichever is the later);
- (d) a maximum of 10 members of the public will be admitted to observe meetings of the Council and its committees, with a view to reducing the number of observers at the Public Galleries of the Chamber/conference rooms;
- (e) the Public Complaints Office will resume counter services for the public during office hours; and
- (f) the LegCo Library and the Archives will only accept public visits by appointments, but visits by Members and staff during office hours without appointments will be accommodated.
- 2. The Secretariat strongly advises all persons entering the LegCo Complex ("the Complex") to scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" QR code displayed in the Complex and will, **starting from 1 March 2021**, require them to scan the QR code or register relevant information before entry.
- 3. The following arrangements will continue to apply:
- (a) all persons who are subject to compulsory quarantine will be denied entry into the Complex. All Secretariat staff, others who work at the Complex and visitors who have had close contact with initially confirmed cases and confirmed cases of COVID-19 or persons who are subject to compulsory quarantine, will also be denied entry into the Complex;

- (b) all persons entering the Complex are subject to body temperature screening. Any person who refuses to undergo body temperature screening or whose body temperature is higher than 37.5°C may be denied entry into the Complex;
- (c) the Complex is closed from 8:00 pm each day (or 30 minutes after the end of the last meeting of the day, whichever is the later) to 7:00 am the following day. All Complex users must leave before the closing time of the Complex;
- (d) the facilities of the Complex will be cleaned and disinfected more frequently;
- (e) all persons entering the Complex are required to walk on the disinfectant floor mat at the entrance before entry;
- (f) hand sanitizers are provided at the reception counters, pantries and toilets; and
- (g) the LegCo Cafeteria remains open but will implement the requirements applicable to catering premises.
- 4. Complex users are strongly advised to maintain good personal hygiene (including wearing surgical masks and performing hand hygiene at all times), minimize the number of people gathering when conducting any activities inside the Complex, and keep themselves abreast of the latest health information disseminated by the Centre for Health Protection:

https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/index.html



Website of the Centre for Health Protection

- 5. The above arrangements will be implemented until further notice. The Secretariat will review the relevant epidemic prevention measures and announce the latest arrangements in due course in the light of the development of the epidemic.
- 6. For enquiries, please contact the Estate and Security Office at 3919 3044.

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