

Other recommended guidelines for customer-facing operations

(Note: Additional suggestions for retail establishments to put in place, where practicable)

A. Queue management

- Queues should not cause congestion for neighbouring establishments or at other parts of the mall.

B. Crowd management

- Avoid activities that would attract large crowds inside and outside of the retail establishment (e.g. celebrity appearances, aggressive shopping deals, closed-door members sales).
- A standard operating procedure (SOP) should be put in place to manage long queues and large crowds that could form inside or outside stores (e.g. where popular products are displayed) and/or the mall.
- Encourage the use of self-checkout, and cashless or contactless payment to reduce contact between employees and customers.
- Encourage customers to book appointments, for the viewing and testing of products, as well as for services (e.g. consultation, repairs).
- Consider placing frequently purchased goods and necessities near the entrance or checkout to facilitate movement and reduce in-store dwell time.
- Operators should take additional steps to manage the capacity within common play areas for children/toddlers/infants (e.g. deploying an employee to man the area), where practicable.

C. Health checks

- All other retail stores not located within malls are strongly encouraged to conduct temperature screening and check for visible symptoms where practicable.

D. Cleanliness and hygiene

- Limit display and testing of products, e.g. stationery, laptops, mobile phones, etc. Employees to conduct product demonstrations if required. Such products should also be sanitised regularly.
- Where possible, place hand sanitisers in close proximity of store entrances, high-touch surfaces like door handles, as well as common play areas. Encourage customers to sanitise their hands before entering stores and/or handling products on display.
- Products **that customers touch frequently** such as clothes, footwear, jewellery, accessories and optical products, should be cleaned, sanitised or sterilised frequently, where possible.

E. Encourage online retail, and “click & collect” for goods and delivery

- Encourage online retail and click-and-collect from store, to reduce dwell time
- Where practicable, collection and delivery from the store must be spaced out and contactless.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure that delivery personnel observe at least one-metre spacing at all times and do not cluster together.
- Refer to the [Advisory for Delivery Businesses](#) for guidelines on delivery requirements.

F. Use of retail establishments as a third-party venue for work-related events

- If a retail outlet is used as a third-party event space, as a best practice, only one event should be held in the outlet at a time. If not feasible, each third-party event should be clearly demarcated from the others, as well as from the main consumer shopping area. Each area should be completely separated from the others by either a solid partition (at least 1.8-metre high, from wall to wall); or at least a 3-metre space, demarcated by continuous physical barriers (e.g. plexiglass screens, barricade tape, queue pole stands). There should be no mixing or intermingling of guests from separate events.