

Other recommended guidelines for customer-facing operations

(Note: Additional suggestions for F&B establishments to put in place, where practicable)

A. Reduce physical interaction

- Implement mobile ordering, pre-ordering and electronic payment solutions where possible, to minimise physical contact between customers and employees.

B. Queue Management

- Where practicable, manage queues using electronic reservation systems or take down diner details and call them when there are seats available.
- Where practicable, separate the queues and waiting areas for dine-in customers, takeaway customers and delivery personnel.
- Queueing in groups should be discouraged.

C. Crowd Management

- To minimise socialising/mingling, F&B establishments should take additional steps to manage higher-risk areas (e.g. bar counters or standing tables) where there is a greater likelihood of customers mixing between groups. This may be done by seating customers on stools or clearly demarcating the boundaries for each dining area to ensure separation of at least one metre between groups at all times.
- 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.

D. Encourage takeaways and home delivery

- F&B establishments should avoid activities that would attract large crowds inside and outside of their premises (e.g. celebrity appearances, aggressive hourly deals).
- Where practicable, collection and delivery from store should be spaced out and contactless¹.
- 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.

E. Cleanliness and hygiene

- Where possible, place hand sanitisers in close proximity to high-touch surfaces and common spaces/items for employees and customers to sanitise their hands. Employees should wash their hands or use hand sanitisers after handling cash and high touch surfaces and devices.

¹ Where contactless collection is done, F&B establishments must label the orders clearly for easy pick-up and have arrangements in place such that customers do not handle containers or bags except for their own orders.

- Where possible, F&B establishments should ensure that tables and chairs are thoroughly cleaned with disinfecting agents² after each diner vacates the table.
- Serving utensils should be provided for customers who are sharing food.
- The provision of condiments (e.g. soy sauce, salt and pepper, chilli sauce) and cutleries at self-serve common stations should not be allowed, unless these are individually packed and sealed.
- Condiments and cutleries should be provided to diners only after they are seated or upon request³.

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

If an F&B 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 dine-in 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

² List of suggested cleaning products and disinfecting agents can be found at <https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines/guidelines/interim-list-of-household-products-and-active-ingredients-for-disinfection-of-covid-19>

³ Food stalls and kiosks are allowed to place condiments and cutleries at their stall counters (e.g. in covered containers), as long as these are within sight of and managed directly by the staff.