

**Business-related activities during Chinese New Year (CNY)**

In line with the overall posture and approach for CNY festivities shared by the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) on 22 January 2021, the following applies to F&B establishments:

**A. *Lohei* at F&B establishments**

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission:

- *Lohei* should be done without any verbalisation of the usual auspicious phrases. Operators should ensure that their employees do not explain the ingredients in *yusheng* or verbalise the usual auspicious phrases when serving it. Operators and their employees should refrain from conduct that could encourage customers to engage in emphatic toasting or loud enthusiastic exclamations of wishes with their food or drinks, as such conduct would put operators at risk of enforcement action. As reflected in para 6.3.3, emphatic toasting with food or drinks is disallowed, by both employees and customers.
- Employees must minimise interaction with customers.
- Every customer must remain masked when not eating, e.g. during the act of tossing ingredients upwards.
- Provide a fresh set of clean cutlery for diners to *lohei*.
- Discourage eating directly from the communal plate.
- Provide a clean serving spoon or chopsticks for serving the dish into individual portions.

**B. Reunion Dinners in F&B Establishments**

Reunion dinners in F&B establishments must adhere to the prevailing social gathering size limit of up to 8 persons (refer to paragraph 4.1). Except for solemnisations, wedding receptions and work-related events, restaurants should not accept reservations or walk-ins for groups with more than 8 persons, even if they are split across multiple tables.

Exceptions can only be made if all members of the group are from the same household<sup>1</sup>. However, they will need to be seated at multiple tables, with no more than 8 persons per table, and with at least one-metre spacing maintained between these groups. Groups at different tables should not intermingle, even if they are from the same household. Establishments are required to verify diners' claims that they are from the same household, and can reject entry of diners at their discretion.

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<sup>1</sup> Families living in different places of residence are not from the same household. Persons from the same household must have the same place of residence.