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Conduct of Outdoor Musical/Entertainment Events while ensuring prevention and control of COVID-19

There have been several requests to conduct musical/entertainment events. These can be allowed provided that the organisers, performers and participants strictly adhere to the instructions issued by the Ministry of Health for the prevention and control of COVID-19.

The Ministry of Health has issued instructions for conducting outdoor events, which is one of the instructions for selected public activities/work settings for the prevention and control of COVID-19 published on the Ministry of Health web site.

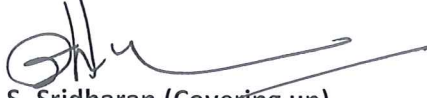
(available from http://www.health.gov.lk/moh_final/english/article_read_more.php?id=885, and QR code annexed). Outdoor musical/entertainment events fall under this category.

Particular attention must be given to the arrangements for physical distancing, crowd control, pre-booking/online ticketing if possible, hand hygiene measures, promoting respiratory etiquette and wearing of masks.

1. Innovative measures to ensure physical distancing of participants should be encouraged, such as dedicated seating; small group seating; block seating with barriers; drive ins, etc
2. Streamline flow of people to prevent crowding at bottlenecks such as entrances and exits (e.g. –increase number of entry/exit points and hand washing stations, staggered entry of participants), or encourage use of hand sanitizer
3. If possible encourage online ticketing / pre bookings prior to the event, to reduce crowding at entrance
4. Make participants aware of the preventive measures to be taken before and at the event
5. Arrangements to prevent crowding at food and beverage service points should be taken, such as taking orders in advance or through a mobile platform, and delivering orders to the participants
6. Performers should not mingle with the participants during the show

All MOOHs should be instructed to inform organizers about risks and minimizing risk. They should be assisted technically to understand the arrangements to be made. The public should be encouraged to use reusable masks. Health authorities can guide the public but it is not required for health authorities to be distributing disposable masks and hand sanitizer in events organized by other entities.

In the current situation, the organizers, performers and participants are expected to strictly adhere to the instructions given.



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