



Recommendations for religious places (Temples, Churches, Mosques, Shrines, etc.)

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1. Recommendations for operators of religious places

- Operators should provide information and knowledge on how to wash hands, wear masks, and prevent the transmission of the disease to participants in religious ceremonies through the following channels such as posters and public relations announcements. Making announcements for participants with a fever to stay home and avoid attending religious ceremonies are also recommended.
- Provide alcohol gel and masks at inside areas of the religious places, i.e. entrances, toilets, information desks, and at first aid desks.
- Keep the equipment clean, especially the equipment or areas frequently touched or used by people such as handrails, doorknobs, sticks for ringing bells, Chi-Chi sticks and toilets. Detergent and 70% alcohol solution are recommended to be used during the cleaning process.
- Provide first aid equipment to sick people and separate those sick people from the gathering areas. Ambulance or prepared buses for transferring the sick people home or to hospitals should be provided at the religious place.
- Arrange different areas for prayer to reduce the congestion of people in religious places

2. Recommendations for participants in a religious ceremony

- Before attending the ceremony, participants are recommended to prepare masks and alcohol gel and comply with the sanitation principles.
- Participants showing symptoms of coughing, sore throat and runny nose (even if they are not showing extreme symptoms) should not attend the ceremonies.
- People should not share stuff with other people such as glasses, straws, spoons, food, handkerchiefs, and towels.
- If anyone notices that there are participants abnormally coughing and sneezing, please contact the staff to separate them from other people and provide a mask.
- Avoid visiting crowded and non-ventilated areas and avoid contact with people who have suspected symptoms people for an adequate amount of time.