

# Safety precautions for places of entertainment



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Although the buzz, excitement, and crowds are part of what makes clubs and casinos the fun they are, adding a touch of personal caution to these venues' precautions is advisable.

The guidelines laid down in the Government Gazette stipulate that people attending 'gatherings', which includes places of entertainment, must:



- Wear a face mask.



- Adhere to all health protocols that are in place in venues.



- Maintain a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other.



- Adhere to the curfew hours (11 pm to 04 am as of 3 June).

## Typical precautions in gambling areas include:



- Ongoing chip-cleaning programmes.



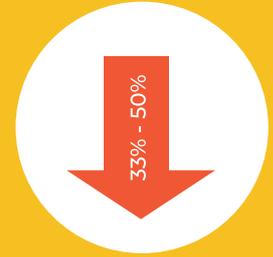
- Tables and equipment being cleaned on a schedule between games.



- Cash desks, card machines and devices being sanitised after each guest interaction.



- Every second slot machine being turned off or locked to ensure that the 1.5 metres social distance is maintained.



- Capacity on gaming floors being reduced to between 33% and 50% of their normal levels.

## To maximise on these precautions, patrons should:



- Maintain social distancing when queuing at cash desks or at staff desks in the casino.



- Sanitise hands after handling chips or money.



- Wear masks for the entire visit and ensure that nose and mouth are covered.



- Sanitise hands when entering restrooms, wipe down surfaces and use paper towels to touch taps or toilet cubicle surfaces.

## Visiting clubs:

To minimise the risk of infection, take the following action:



- Reduce time spent in a club. The longer you stay, the higher the risk of infection.



- Wear a mask at all times.



- Sanitise hands often and before and after handling bottles or glasses.



- Limit the number of people at a table so that social distancing can be maintained.



- Wear a mask on the dance floor and take breaks more often so that breathing does not become difficult and to decrease the temptation of removing a mask.



- Maintain a distance of at least one and a half metres from each other on the dancefloor.

## Why clubs are potential COVID-19 hotspots

International health expert Dr Paul McKay of Imperial College London says:



“During a pandemic, going clubbing just might be the most dangerous thing you can do.”



Dancing heightens the breathing rate, which can increase the amount of virus that's expelled. This, coupled with a lack of ventilation in most clubs, is what makes them so high risk.



“In clubs there is usually alcohol involved, meaning that inhibitions and social distancing are likely to be severely reduced.”

## Restaurants, bars and taverns:

Restaurants and other eateries have varying degrees of risk of infection:



- The lowest risk exists where food service is limited to drive-through, delivery, take-out, and pick up.



- The risk increases where dining is limited to outdoor seating with tables set 1.5 metres apart.



- Higher risk occurs in on-site indoor dining areas and where tables are not at least 1.5 metres apart.



- The highest risk is in restaurants where seating capacity has not been reduced, and tables do not adhere to social distancing standards

## To still enjoy an outing at a restaurant, bar or tavern:



- Wear a mask at all times, except for when drinking or eating. Follow distancing and sanitising protocols.



- Check if outdoor seating is available.



- Avoid busy times .

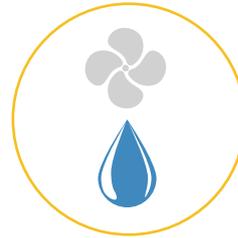
## Why dining out can increase the risk of infection:



- People from different households are sharing a common space.



- Eating and drinking requires the removal of a mask.



- If eating indoors, the ventilation flow in restaurants and bars can cause droplets to spread at distances greater than 1.5 metres. Poor ventilation can also increase risk as it may cause the virus to accumulate in the air.



- Physical distancing can be difficult to maintain.



- People need to talk louder in restaurants and bars to hear one another. This can contribute to the production of more virus aerosols.



- Use of alcohol may alter judgment and make it more difficult for people to practice COVID-19 safety measures.

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