



COVID-19

Pohnpei COVID-19 Task Force



Business Advisory

We are all probably aware of the threat posed by COVID-19 to all people, and the measures that the Pohnpei State Government is taking to stop the spread of the disease.

Additional Guidelines for COVID-19

1. To ensure handwashing by all customers and employees before entering the store, the following should be implemented:
 - Have security (or someone) direct customers to wash hands before entering the store.
 - Have a clear signage on door and also instruction directly above the hand washing station directing people to wash hands before entering the store.
 - Have the steps of proper handwashing clearly displayed on the handwashing station/bucket.
2. To ensure the virus is not picked up again upon entry into the business space, businesses are to:
 - Disinfect trolleys and baskets especially handles before the next customer picks them up.
 - Disinfect frequently touched surfaces in the store including doorknobs and handles.
3. Adopt practical ways to ensure physical distancing within the store and during queuing for payment:
 - Mark out the floor with tape or chalk to indicate 6 feet apart while queuing to pay.
 - Have one-way isles.
 - Employees of the store should ensure physical distancing is practiced by all.
4. To reduce virus transmission at till points or payment desks:
 - Ensure availability of hand sanitizer at till point for use by the cashier or the customers.
5. To avoid potential cracks in the palms of persons with sensitive skins, which can further expose them to infection, businesses are required to:
 - Use ONLY plain water and soap in the containers for public use.
 - Avoid adding CLOROX bleach or similar products in water for handwashing.
6. To ensure the wastewater after people have washed their hands is not reused by another person:
 - Use running water (water must 'run-to-waste') for washing hands.
 - People should air-dry their hands or use disposable tissue and quickly discard into a bin.
 - **NB:** Do not place a towel next to the hand washing station to be used after hand washing as it can be a means for transmission of the virus.
7. Ensure appropriate use of face masks and enforce "No Mask, No Entry" policy when guideline is in force:
 - Ensure employees and customers are properly wearing face masks (covering mouth and nose) while inside the store or business space.

This Advisory is subject to change when new information becomes available.

