

All personnel engaged in the sale and preparation of food and drinks required to wear masks or other forms of physical barriers from 13 April 2020

With increased local transmission of COVID-19, and the possible presence of undetected cases in the community, the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) issued an advisory to operators of F&B establishments on 6 April 2020, informing them that food handlers and employees should wear a mask or face shield while they are working, such as when serving food, taking orders, and accepting payment. This protects them against possible transmission from others, and also prevents transmission to others should they be infected but asymptomatic.

2 To ensure compliance, SFA is introducing a mandatory requirement for all personnel engaged in the sale and preparation of food and drinks at all SFA-licensed food establishments to wear masks or other forms of physical barriers (e.g. face shields) in order to safeguard public health and prevent food contamination. This includes personnel at hawker centre stalls, coffee shops, restaurants, supermarkets, caterers etc.

3 The requirement will take effect on 13 April 2020. Operators who do not comply with the requirement are liable for a penalty of up to \$5,000 and/or suspension or cancellation of their licences.

4 Food handlers are strongly reminded that they must not handle food when they are unwell. Food establishments are also advised to continue following SFA and NEA's Sanitation and Hygiene Advisory (<https://www.sfa.gov.sg/docs/default-source/default-document-library/advisory-to-food-establishments---revised---3-feb-2020.pdf>) issued to food establishments.

5 Members of the public can report non-compliant food handlers to SFA via our online feedback form (www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback).



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