### **Prevention of Respiratory Tract Infections**

## Guidelines for Cleansing of Private Housing Estates/ Residential and Commercial Buildings

## (1) Places Required Special Attention

### Lift Car and Escalator

- Wipe lift cars and escalators, particularly call buttons and handrails at least twice daily.
- Cleanse the ventilating fans at the ceiling of the lift cars regularly to maintain their good functioning.

### Main Entrance Lobby

• Wash and wipe the estate/building entrance, the door knobs/handles and the security locks and buttons thereat at least twice daily.

#### Common Facility

• Wash and wipe the chairs, resting areas and other facilities used by the public in lift lobbies, corridors and public areas at least twice daily.

## Security Guard Booth and Enquiry Counter

• Wash and wipe the security guard booths and enquiry counters at least twice daily.

## Refuse Collection Chamber

• Dispose of daily waste and junk properly. Wash the refuse collection chambers and related facilities at least twice daily.

#### **Toilet**

• Wash the toilet and its facilities at least twice daily.

#### Children's Playground

• Wash and wipe the children's playground and facilities at least twice daily.

### (2) Places with Relatively Less People Gathering

#### Corridor and Public Place

• Wash and wipe the corridors and public places (including rear staircases) at least once daily.

#### Shopping Centre, Market and Carpark

• Wash and wipe the public places of shopping centres, markets and carparks at least once daily.

### Club Facility

• Wash and wipe the club facilities at least once daily.

### (3) Cleansing Procedures

#### **Washing**

#### Step 1

• Sweep litter before washing.

### Step 2

• Flush with clean water.

## Step 3

- Wash thoroughly with 1:99 (i.e. mixing 1 part of bleach with 99 parts of water) diluted household bleach.
- If places dirtied with filth (e.g. vomitus), 1:49 (i.e. mixing 1 part of bleach with 49 parts of water) diluted household bleach should be applied.

## Step 4

• Hose down and remove excess water by mop drying or squeegee.

#### Step 5

• If necessary, washing should be repeated to ensure the place is thoroughly cleansed. Use high pressure hot water cleaners as appropriate.

### **Wiping**

## Step 1

- Wipe thoroughly with 1:99 (i.e. mixing 1 part with bleach with 99 parts of water) diluted household bleach.
- If places dirtied with filth (e.g. vomitus), 1:49 (i.e. mixing 1 part with bleach to 49 parts of water) diluted household bleach should be applied.

#### Step 2

• Wipe dry.

### (4) General Cleansing Equipment

- Brush
- Mop
- Squeegee
- Bucket
- Towel
- Bleach
- Mouth mask
- Gloves
- Footwear

# (5) Points to Note for Cleansing Staff

- Under normal conditions, apply 1:99 (i.e. mixing 1 part of bleach with 99 parts of water) diluted household bleach.
- If places dirtied with filth (e.g. vomitus), 1:49 (i.e. mixing 1 part with bleach to 49 parts of water) diluted household bleach should

be applied.

• While at work, all staff should wear proper protective gear such as mouth mask, gloves, overall, footwear etc.

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