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**Advisory for businesses on large-scale events amidst the COVID-19
(Coronavirus Disease 2019) situation**

1 The Ministry of Health (MOH) had stepped up the risk assessment from DORSCON Yellow to DORSCON Orange on 7 February, in response to the discovery of new local cases without any links to previous cases or travel history to China. At this stage, there continues to be no evidence of widespread local transmission.

2 Businesses should maintain normalcy, as long as the necessary precautions are taken.

a. As advised by MOH, businesses are advised to cancel or defer non-essential large-scale events to reduce the risk of community transmission of COVID-19. The importance of the events differs according to the needs and priorities of the respective organisations.

b. Large scale events refer to events with more than 1000 attendees. As a rough guideline, non-essential large-scale events refer to events like Dinner and Dance and Family Day with more than 1000 attendees.

c. Smaller-scale events such as training and development courses and internal townhall meetings can continue.

3 Business should continue to put in place the necessary precautions as advised by MOH:

- Carry out temperature screening;
- Look out for respiratory symptoms such as cough or runny nose, and deny entry to unwell individuals;
- Remind participants not to attend if they have recent travel history to mainland China or are under leave of absence, and require a travel declaration, if possible;
- Ensure that event venues are ventilated and are adequately equipped with facilities for hand washing;
- Increase the frequency of cleaning commonly used areas; and
- Maintain a registration list of participants, if practical.

4 As the COVID-19 situation is still evolving, businesses are encouraged to closely monitor the developments and related advisories. For the latest updates, please visit the MOH website at www.moh.gov.sg.