



CIRCULAR TO ALL GTA MEMBERS

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Dear GTA Member,

Please find below standards for entry into restaurants, snack bars, bars, and clubs (excluding those listed in Subsidiary Legislation 465.50 Closure of Certain Places of Entertainment Regulations) operating for vaccinated persons only. These standards are applicable ONLY for the above-mentioned establishments who are registered to operate under these standards and are listed on the official website of the Malta Tourism Authority.

- Admittance shall be exclusively on presentation of a valid vaccination certificate (as per definition above). Children under the age of 12 years will be exempt provided they are in the company of the parent/s, guardian. Owners / responsible persons are to verify vaccine certificates by authentication with the system. They can apply for access to the authentication system by sending a request to iccertifikavaccin@gov.mt.
- All food handlers and persons who will have any form of contact with clients and food shall be in possession of a valid vaccination certificate.
- Owners / responsible persons shall exercise the right of refusal of entry onto the premises of patrons if they are visibly unwell or have respiratory symptoms, despite them presenting a vaccination certificate.
- Staff and attendees shall be subject to temperature checks at the entrance for the presence of fever and those with a temperature of 37.2oC or higher shall be denied entrance. An appropriate 70% alcohol hand-rub is to be provided at each entrance where it should be ensured that all persons sanitise their hands prior to entrance, and in strategic points in the premises.
- Ongoing cleaning and disinfection operations of all the common areas inside the premises shall be carried out with emphasis on commonly touched areas.
- Records of the contact information (name, surname, ID card/ passport number and contact phone number) of at least one person per booking need to be kept for up to 28 days after the reservation.
- Masks are to be worn at all times and can only be removed when eating and drinking.
- Shared finger food/ platters can be allowed provided it is only for the persons sharing the same table
- Drinks can be ordered at the bar provided that acrylic or tempered glass screen is set up on the bar counter. Operator should be responsible to ensure no crowding of patrons.
- Drinks containing alcohol can only be served with food.
- Assisted buffet is allowed provided that an acrylic or tempered glass screen is set up on the counter and an adequate social distance is maintained.

- Condiments and menus are allowed on tables if these are thoroughly cleaned with every change of customers.
- Tables to be limited to groups of not more than 8 persons. This can be exceeded only if they are persons from the same household.
- Tables arranged so that the distance from one table to another table is 1.5m in all directions in an enclosed area and 1 m in all directions on the outside area of food premises, provided that the total number of covers does not exceed that indicated in the licence.
- Establishments can operate until 3:00 hrs if the licence permits this.
- Vaccinated singers, musicians and disk jockeys should maintain a distance of at least two (2) metres from patrons due to the generation and emission of respiratory droplets of various sizes that occurs during singing. When such distance cannot be maintained acrylic or tempered glass barriers must be fitted around the singer/musician/DJ stand (2 metres from the floor).
- Singers shall adhere to the Standards for choirs issued by the Public Health authorities.
- Musicians and disk jockeys shall adhere to the Standards for musicians and orchestras issued by the Public Health authorities and shall wear a mask at all times.
- Singers, musicians, disk jockeys and any other source of sound shall provide ONLY low volume music or background music, such that it does not cause patrons to talk loudly, shout above the music or lean towards each other. The sound level shall not exceed an average of 80dB(A) from the table nearest to the source.
- Smoke machines, Low Fog machines, fans, misters or any dispersion units are prohibited both indoors & outdoors.

Application (Annex A) for the operation of the establishment for vaccinated customers only, must be duly compiled by the licensee/operator by [clicking here](#) and filling in the form for approval. All premises are subject to inspection by authorised officers.

Thanks and best regards,

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