

Elevation of Social Distancing in Seoul Metropolitan Area to Level 1.5

1. Overview

(Objective) Elevation of social distancing to level 1.5 to reverse the increasing trend in the number of infections to avoid further elevation and to create a safe environment for the CSAT (College Scholastic Ability Test).

(Core Messages) ① Cancel meetings and appointments that involve conversing and dining; ② Refrain from using multi-use facilities where many people gather; ③ Strictly comply with regulations for disease control and prevention, including mask-wearing.

(Regions) Social distancing will be elevated to level 1.5 in the Seoul metropolitan area (Seoul, Incheon, and Gyeonggi-do). However, disease control and prevention measures may be alleviated and the application period adjusted in Incheon where the spread of COVID-19 is less serious.

- In Gangwon-do, the provincial government shall decide the range of applying the elevation of social distancing by city (si) and county (gun), considering the spread of the disease is mainly focused in the Yeongseo region.

(Period) Two weeks. *An extension or a further elevation of social distancing levels to be examined according to the circumstances.

2. Content

Multi-use facilities

(1) [Facilities for concentrated control] Placing more severe limitation on the number of users; prohibition of high-risk activities, such as dancing in a club or eating in a karaoke room.

Category	Regulations for disease control and prevention by facility type
5 types of entertainment facilities (e.g. bars, including clubs and hostess bars, karaoke bars, pick-up bars, colatecs and lounge bars)	<p><u>▶ No dancing and moving between tables</u></p> <p>▶ Maximum 1 user per 4 m² (allowed capacity notice posted at the entrance)</p>
Direct sales (e.g. door-to-door sales) promotion halls	<p><u>▶ Close after 9 PM</u> ▶ No serving food and singing</p> <p>▶ Maximum 1 user per 4 m² (allowed capacity notice posted at the entrance)</p>
Karaoke rooms	<p><u>▶ Maximum 1 user per 4 m²</u> (allowed capacity notice posted at the entrance)</p> <p><u>▶ No eating</u> ▶ Used rooms to be immediately disinfected; to be used after 30 min.</p>
Indoor standing performance halls	<p><u>▶ No eating</u></p> <p>▶ Maximum 1 user per 4 m² (allowed capacity notice posted at the entrance)</p>
Restaurants, cafes and bakeries	<p><u>▶ Expansion of applicability from +150 m² → +50 m²</u></p> <p>▶ Comply with one of the following measures: ① Distance of 1 meter between tables; ② Empty seats/tables between seats/tables; ③ Install partitions between tables</p>

※ **Bold/underline** indicates the reinforced regulations compared to level 1. Common obligations: wearing a mask; keeping visitor logs; ventilation and disinfection.

(2) [Facilities for regular control] Limitation on the number of users (maximum 1 user per 4 m²), keeping an empty seat between two seats, etc.

Category	Regulations for disease control and prevention by facility type
Indoor sports facilities	<p>▶ <u>No eating</u></p> <p>▶ Maximum 1 user per 4 m² (allowed capacity notice posted at the entrance)</p>
Wedding and funeral halls, bathhouses, arcades, and multi rooms	<p>▶ <u>Maximum 1 user per 4 m²</u> (allowed capacity notice posted at the entrance)</p>
Movie theaters, and performance halls	<p>▶ <u>Keeping an empty seat between different parties</u> (management of the number of users should be applied through advance reservation)</p>
Internet cafes (PC bangs)	<p>▶ <u>Keeping an empty seat between different parties</u> (except for when there are partitions installed)</p>
Private academies (excluding study rooms), training schools, job training institutions, barber shops, and beauty salons	<p>▶ <u>Maximum 1 user per 4 m² or keeping an empty seat between two seats</u> (allowed capacity notice posted at the entrance)</p>
Study rooms and cafes	<p>▶ <u>Keeping an empty seat between different parties</u> (except for when there are partitions installed)</p> <p>▶ <u>Limited number of users in a group room to 50%</u> (allowed capacity notice posted at the entrance)</p>
Amusement and water parks	<p>▶ <u>Limited number of users to 50% of capacity</u></p>
Stores, markets and department stores (+300 m ² for general merchandising stores)	<p>▶ Wearing a mask, ventilation and disinfection</p>

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(3) [National/public facilities] The number of users limited to 20% for velodromes, regattas, racecourses, and casinos, and to 50% for other facilities.

* Flexible management can be applied considering the situations and traits of disease control and prevention per facility.

(4) [Social welfare facilities] Continued operation with reinforced disease control and prevention, including limited number of users.

- Some facilities will be closed, if necessary, and provide necessary services, including emergency care.

* Refer to the Social Welfare Facility Response Guidelines and the Social Distancing Operational Guidelines.

Daily & socio-economic activities

(1) **[Mandatory mask-wearing] Addition of outdoor sports stadiums** to the list of facilities and places where it is mandatory to wear a mask.*

*Facilities for concentrated & regular control, public assemblies and demonstrations, public transport, medical institutions and pharmacies, sanatoriums, day/night care centers, high-risk businesses, religious facilities, meetings/events with +500 people reported to and permitted by the autonomous district, indoor/outdoor sports stadiums

(2) **[Meetings & events] Limited number of visitors to 100 individuals for four types of events: public assemblies and demonstrations, large-scale concerts, forums, and festivals. Recommended to refrain from involving dining at meetings & events.**

* Maximum 1 user per 4 m² and no imposition of 100-visitor limitation for exhibitions, fairs, and international conferences.

(3) **[Watching sports] Limited number of the audience to 30% of the stadium capacity.**

(4) **[Religious activities] Participation in regular worship, mass, Buddhist and Cheondogyo ceremonies allowed for 30% of capacity. No meetings and meal services** hosted by religious facilities.

(5) **[Working] Remote work** for an adequate percentage of employees (e.g. 33%), and **operation of different lunch times and staggered office hours for public institutions. All recommended for the private sector as well.**

*Excluding institutions (workforce) whose performance is related to public order, national defense, foreign affairs, firefighting, mailing, disease control and prevention, broadcasting, industrial safety and COVID-19, or deal with information that requires security, such as personal data.

- Refrain from **gathering** and **dining** as well as **in-person meetings**, and **business trips**.

- **Mask-wearing, regular disinfection, distancing between workers, installation of partitions, etc. required** for call centers and logistics centers.