

Points of sale of New Year flowers to close at midnight today

A spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said today (February 11) that the 15 points of sale of New Year flowers will cease operation at midnight today. Members of the public purchasing New Year flowers must leave by midnight. Venue users should, in accordance with the User Agreement, clear their sales paraphernalia as soon as possible after the end of operation hours. They should also remove the stall structures such as scaffoldings and marquees, and arrange for vehicles to remove them from the venues by 7am tomorrow (February 12).

To make anti-epidemic efforts effective, the FEHD is strictly enforcing various anti-epidemic measures at all points of sale this year, and at the same time monitoring the admission to and exit from the points of sale and controlling footfall with the use of technology, with a view to avoiding the risk of mass gatherings and assisting the public to enter the points of sale in an orderly manner.

The spokesman said, "The footfall and the waiting status of the 15 points of sale will continue to be displayed in a 'Green, Amber and Red Lights' format on-site, on the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/events/lnyf2021/selling_point.html) and on the Transport Department's 'HKeMobility' app. A green light means there are few people inside the point of sale and that ticketing is not required, an amber light indicates an increase in footfall and that waiting is required, and a red light represents a large number of people awaiting admission and that a longer waiting time would be needed."

When the footfall at an individual point of sale increases (i.e. amber or red light), only members of the public with a ticket will be admitted to the point of sale. The FEHD will activate a ticketing system in which the public may get a ticket on-site or obtain an e-ticket through the mobile app that can be downloaded for free. One may enter the point of sale with a ticket within 60 minutes after the ticket number is called. Each ticket will cover no more than two persons. Under normal circumstances, ticketing services will cease 45 minutes prior to the closure of the points of sale. The FEHD may also suspend the ticketing services if the ground situation requires.

The spokesman reminded the public to complete their transactions expeditiously and leave the points of sale after buying New Year flowers to minimise the gathering of people. All persons entering the points of sale must observe the ground rules including conducting body temperature screening before entering the points of sale and persons with symptoms will be refused entry. A mask must be worn when entering and within a point of sale, and eating, drinking and smoking are not allowed at the points of sale. The "LeaveHomeSafe" venue QR code is displayed at the entrances of and inside all points of sale for members of the public to scan and record their visits.

For more details on the points of sale, please visit the FEHD website or call the FEHD hotline at 2868 0000.