Guidelines for Sex Work during the COVID-19 Pandemic

For Sex Workers

Personal Protection:

- Clean hands often using an alcohol-based hand rub (60-80% ethanol or isopropanol) or soap and water
- Wear a mask; make sure it covers your mouth and nose
- If you develop fever, cough or difficulty breathing after interacting with a client, self-isolate and seek medical attention at once
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow, or use a disposable tissue

When Interacting With Clients:

- Avoid hugging or kissing colleagues and clients; avoid all forms of group sex
- Avoid direct contact with bodily fluids; use condoms, dental dams and gloves
- Do not engage with clients that have fever, cough or difficulty breathing
- Consider working online or by phone

Clean and disinfect work surfaces and any materials or aids that are used after appointments

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**For Clients**

1. **Clean hands often using an alcohol-based hand rub** (60–80% ethanol or isopropanol) or soap and water
2. **If you have fever, cough or difficulty breathing**, stay at home and seek medical attention at once
3. **Do not offer more money or pressure a sex worker into providing risky services**
4. **Respect the wishes of the sex worker and comply with the safety measures they implement**
5. **Avoid engaging with sex workers if you have symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19**
6. **Consider electronic payments instead of cash**, where feasible

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Guidelines for Sex on Premises

- Develop a checklist of criteria to be met to offer sex on premises
- Limit face-to-face contact; provide disposable masks to staff and clients, where contact is required
- Limit the number of staff and clients to ensure physical distancing
- Rooms used for sex work must have adequate facilities, e.g. hand washing facilities
- Schedule appointments by phone or online

Cleaning and Sanitisation

- Provide cleaning rules for shared equipment and facilities and ensure staff are aware of these
- Frequently clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, especially bathrooms
- Develop a cleaning schedule
- Ensure waste, especially those soiled with body fluids, is bagged, stored securely and collected by the waste management system

Seek Additional Guidance

Seek guidance and information from reliable sources, such as the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA). Reach out to non-governmental organisations and civil society organisations for support and information.