

# 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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If you have fever, cough or difficulty breathing, stay at home and seek medical attention at once



Do not offer more money or pressure a sex worker into providing risky services



Respect the wishes of the sex worker and comply with the safety measures they implement



Avoid engaging with sex workers if you have symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19



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.