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M/S : Syndicate of Owners of Restaurants, Cafes, Night clubs, and Pastries
Address : Beirut- Lebanon

Dear Sirs,

Kindly find below our recommendations for the prevention of Corona disease spread:

- Wash your hands with soap and warm water frequently.
- Sanitize your hands after hand washing and whenever hand washing isn't possible. Use a broad spectrum disinfectant such as Microbecs™*.
- When coughing and sneezing, cover your mouth with your upper elbow or use a tissue. Wash or at least sanitize your hands afterward.
- Throw wastes into foot-operated waste bins and do not touch/ open or close the waste bins with your hands.
- Stay away from sick people such as suspected clients or employees.
- Symptoms may appear between 2 to 14 days after exposure and signs of infection include:
 - Fever
 - cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Breathing difficulties
 - In more sever case, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death.
- In case you suspect any sickness or infection among a client, make sure windows are open and disinfect all surfaces which were in direct contact with the client.
- If food handler has symptoms he shall not attend to work. In case symptoms appeared during working hours, the food handler shall be directly excluded and proper cleaning and disinfection shall be followed.
- Staff who were in contact with him shall take extra precautions when in contact with food and other employees.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as chairs, doorknobs, tables, menus, POS machines, etc.
- if an employee has travelled to an affected area or has a sick family member, he shall follow the proper isolation requirements.
- The use of facemasks is crucial for people who show symptoms of COVID-19, for health workers and people taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care facility), as per CDC.

- Food handlers shall avoid touching their nose, eyes, and ears before hand washing.
- Avoid consumption of raw and undercooked food. Thoroughly cook meat and eggs.
- Disinfect fruits and vegetables after washing them.

Cultural water- pipe smoking (Hookah) might play a role in the transmission of Corona Virus. All cafes and restaurant who provide Hookah shall extra precautions to ensure safe environment for clients and employees.

The below steps shall be followed:

- Use disposable hoses and make sure Hookah water are changed after each use.
- Clean carefully with hot water and soap the pieces of the Hookah (glass bowl, stem, release valve, tray, tobacco bowl, rubbers) after each use.
- Disinfect properly all pieces after cleaning.

* **Microbecs™**, an **EPA** (*Environmental Protection Agency*) registered disinfectant that qualifies under **FDA** (*Food & Drugs administration*) and is **USDA** (*US Department of Agriculture*) recommended, is a new patented technology that has revolutionized the concept of pathogenic control and germ control measures. This product is made in USA.

Microbecs™ is 100% safe for humans and animals; non-carcinogenic, non-irritant and biodegradable. It is a broad spectrum biocide effective against Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria; viruses, fungi and algae. This range includes, but is not limited to, Coronaviruses, E. Coli, Salmonella, HxNy viruses, SARS-CoV, pseudomonas and many others.

The active ingredients of the product are n-alkyl dimethyl benzyl ammonium chloride in addition to UREA type GRAS (Generally recognized as safe). Microbecs™ kills 99.99% of germs. Tests have been conducted to prove the efficiency of the active ingredients against many bacteria, viruses and Coronaviruses. Results have confirmed that it kills Coronaviruses within 30 to 60 seconds after application. It does not require rinsing after usage and hence has a residual effect providing a long-lasting protection.

Microbecs™ residual effect goes up to almost 30 days, unless surfaces are cleaned with soap and water or used very frequently.

For any remarks or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact Boecker Public Health.

Best Regards