

**Rev (DMC) (C) 20-2/2021 – COVID 19 – III**  
**Government of Himachal Pradesh**  
**Revenue Department – Disaster Management Cell**

Shimla – 171002

Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**ORDER**

Whereas an Order dated 26.02.2021 was issued to arrest the spread of COVID-19 in the State for a period upto 31.03.2021 with guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for Surveillance, Containment and Caution.

And whereas, after a careful review of the emerging situation regarding spread of COVID-19 epidemic in the State it is apparent that it still remains a public health risk and caution is necessary for the containment of spread of COVID-19 in the State.

Now, therefore after considering the emerging situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the overall circumstances resulting from non-adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols by public, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 24 (e) of the DM Act 2005, the undersigned in the capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee (SEC), hereby orders that the existing orders of SEC for management of COVID-19 will be strictly enforced subject to following directions:

- i. The State will observe NO MASK – NO SERVICE policy with immediate effect. People with face cover/mask will only be allowed to board public/private transport such as train, buses and taxis etc and to enter hospitals, temples, langar halls, schools, colleges, Govt offices or private establishments/shops etc for availing any services/goods.
- ii. All ongoing melas in the State shall be wound up at the earliest not later than 23.03.2021 and no new Melas will be organised in the State after 23rd March 2021.
- iii. All social/ religious/ political/ cultural and other gatherings will be organized with the prior permission of the district administration after 25/3/2021. Local Administration shall keep a close watch on already scheduled gatherings and ensure to implement the SOPs especially in relation to social distancing and face cover/wearing of masks.

- iv. All social/ religious/ sports/ entertainment/ educational/ cultural gatherings are allowed with maximum of 50% of the capacity or 200 whichever is less in closed spaces; and 50% of the size of the open grounds/spaces subject to compliance of all instructions, SOPs/guidelines regarding social distancing and wearing of face covers etc.
- v. The Department of IT/District Administration shall activate the module for granting permission for the gatherings as per the SoPs of the SEC from 25th March 2021 onwards.
- vi. In gatherings where community kitchen or Dhaam/Langars, or professional catering is to be arranged, the managers and catering staff as far as possible, will be required to undergo tests through Rapid Antigen/RT-PCR test kits for COVID-19 with the help of local health officials not earlier than 96 hours before the event. The cooking staff will ensure no cooking without masks, gloves and head cover.
- vii. There will be prohibition on langars in closed premises and cooking by non-tested staff. The organisers will also ensure adherence to highest level of personal and environmental hygiene all the times, especially at the time of preparing, serving /eating meals and disposal of the waste etc.
- viii. The details of permissions granted for gatherings shall also be shared with Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) apart from the officer incharges of police stations in the State.
- ix. All the office bearers of the PRIs/ULBs as the case may be, are to ensure that all the SOPs including wearing of mask, social distancing, home isolation, public gathering etc. issued by the State Government are strictly adhered to. They will visit and coordinate with the event organizers prior to the event that only the permitted number of the persons should attend the event with strict compliance of COVID-19 directives. Any violations of the directives in this regard shall be brought to the notice of the District Administration forthwith.
- x. Local Administration while granting permissions to the organizers, may impose additional conditions, as may deem fit, to contain the spread of COVID-19.

**Penal Provisions:**

Any person violating these directions and COVID-19 safety measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51-60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

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**Chief Secretary cum Chairperson, SEC  
Himachal Pradesh.**

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
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3. All the Divisional Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
4. All the Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
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**Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) to the  
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