

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

Shimla – 171002  
Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

**ORDER**

**Whereas**, Orders dated **21.03.2021, 25.03.2021, 26.03.2021, 03.04.2021, 06.04.2021 and 12.04.2021** were issued to arrest the spread of COVID-19 in the State for compliance with order and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for containment of COVID-19 dated **23.03.2021**.

**Whereas**, after a careful review of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases it is evident 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 current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the overall circumstances, 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 reiterates the existing restrictions, apart from the following additional directions for the effective management of COVID-19:

1. All educational institutions schools/colleges/universities/institutions/Coaching Centers will remain close upto **01.05.2021**. However, examinations if any scheduled will be held in the premises of educational institutions. Teaching staff also is exempted from attending institutions till 01.05.2021. The Education Department will issue detailed orders regarding the non-teaching staff and Heads of the institutions and also about running of online classes in these institutions. All nursing/medical/dental colleges will however remain open and ensure observance of the COVID-19 SOPs issued by respective departments.
2. All social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political gatherings and other congregations are completely banned in the State. However a maximum 50 persons only will be allowed in gatherings related to marriages/funerals irrespective of location/venue w.e.f. 22.04.2021.
3. There will be total ban on entry of general public at large in the places of religious/worship w.e.f. 23.04.2021. However, the daily rituals or pooja as per the tradition will continue to be performed.
4. All markets/shops/ commercial establishments including malls/ gyms/ sports complex/ swimming pools etc. shall remain closed on Saturdays & Sundays till 01.05.2021 except shops dealing with items of daily need such as fruits, vegetables, milk & milk products and other daily essential goods/ Pharmacies etc. However, restaurant/dhabas/hotels can operate in accordance with the SOPs issued by Department of Tourism and adherence to the COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.
5. All the offices of Government Departments/ PSUs/ local bodies/ Autonomous Bodies including the H.P. Secretariat will remain closed on Saturdays & Sundays and these

offices will operate with the 50% attendance till 01.05.2021. All the employees falling in the category of differently-abled including pregnant woman are exempted from attending offices till 01.05.2021. The Department of Personnel will issue detailed orders in this regard. However the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh will issue separate orders with respect to the High Court and all other judicial offices.

6. Inter-State & Intra-State movement of public transport will be allowed subject to 50% of the seating capacity and adherence to COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. The detailed order in this regard will be issued by the Department of Transport, Himachal Pradesh. There shall be no restrictions on movement of all kinds of goods carriers.
7. District Administration will take decision on imposing further restrictions/conditions keeping in view the rate of positivity, fatality rate and number of positive cases etc. in their respective districts or local areas.

All the Departments and Organisations of the Government, District Magistrates, Police Officials and Local Authorities of the State are directed to ensure strict compliance with the directions of the SEC and various SOPs issued. District Magistrates, Superintendents of Police will take adequate measures to implement these orders with the support of all the PRIs and ULBs in letter and spirit.

**Penal Provisions:**

Any person violating these 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.

This Order shall remain in force, in all parts of the State with immediate effect till further orders.

Approved by  
**Chief Secretary cum Chairperson,**  
**State Executive Committee, Himachal Pradesh.**

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Head of Departments, Himachal Pradesh.
3. The Registrar General, Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh.
4. All the Divisional Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
5. All the Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
6. The Director I & PR for wider dissemination.

**Copy for information to:**

1. The Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
2. Principal PS cum Special Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister-cum-Chairperson, SDMA.

  
**Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) to the**  
**Government of Himachal Pradesh.**