

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

Shimla – 171002
Dated: 5th May, 2021

ORDER

Whereas, an Order of even number dated 30.04.2021 was issued by the State Executive Committee (SEC) for effective control of COVID-19 in the State.

Whereas, considering the recent surge in COVID-19 cases across the State and after considering the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic which requires strict measures in order to contain its spread.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 22(2)(h) and Section 24 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned in the capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee (SEC), hereby directs that the following consolidated guidelines shall be in force in addition to the directions already issued by SEC vide order dated 30.04.2021 in Himachal Pradesh w.e.f. **6 AM of 7th May, 2021 to 6 AM of 17th May, 2021:**

- 1. There shall be a “Corona curfew” from 6 AM of 7th May, 2021 to 6 AM of 17th May, 2021. The curfew is primarily aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19 disease.**
2. During this period, subject to availability, vaccination shall continue in places as notified by Department of H&FW, Govt of HP from time to time. Eligible persons, as advised by the Department shall be allowed to travel to the designated CVCs in their vehicles/ taxis/ auto rickshaws by following guidelines to that effect.
3. Persons desirous of /required to undertake testing for Covid-19 shall be allowed to travel to designated Government/ Private Covid-19 Testing Centres in their vehicles/ taxis/ auto rickshaws by following guidelines to that effect.
4. During the curfew period, assembly of more than 5 persons shall be treated as unlawful.
5. However, a maximum of 20 persons only will be allowed in gatherings related to marriage/funerals with permission of District Administration.
6. Government & Private offices/establishments shall remain closed. Government employees will work from home and shall not leave their headquarters without permission.
7. All educational, training, coaching institutions, etc. shall now remain closed until 31st May 2021. However, MBBS (4th & 5th year), BDS (4th year), Nursing classes (3rd Year) only will continue. Physical conduct of examinations by state/ national/ international bodies shall be allowed on a case to case basis by the respective Departments with due intimation to all concerned authorities.
8. All cinema halls, malls, market complexes, bazaars, gymnasiums, sports complexes, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres & auditoriums, assembly halls, and related activities and similar places shall remain closed.
9. Liquor shops/vends, *ahatas*, bars etc. shall remain closed.

During the Corona curfew, the following activities ARE ALLOWED subject to adherence of Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for social distancing and COVID Safety Protocols, issued by the Government:

I. All health services (including AYUSH) to remain functional, such as:

- i. Hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, telemedicine facilities.
- ii. Dispensaries, chemists, pharmacies, all kinds of medicine shops including Jan Aushadhi Kendras and medical equipment shops.
- iii. Medical laboratories and collection centres.
- iv. Pharmaceutical and medical research labs, institutions carrying out COVID-19 related research.
- v. Veterinary Hospitals, dispensaries, clinics, pathology labs, sale and supply of vaccine and medicine.
- vi. Authorised private establishments, which support the provisioning of essential services, or efforts for containment of COVID-19, including home care providers, diagnostics, supply chain firms serving hospitals.
- vii. Manufacturing units of drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, medical oxygen, their packaging material, raw material and intermediates.
- viii. Construction of medical/ health infrastructure including manufacture of ambulances.

II. Financial Sector: following to remain functional:

- i. Bank branches and ATMs, IT vendors for banking operations, Banking Correspondents (BCs), ATM operation and cash management agencies.
- ii. Insurance companies.
- iii. Non-Banking Financial Institutions (NBFCs) including Housing Finance Company (HFCs) and Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs) with bare minimum staff.
- iv. Co-operative Credit Societies.

Efforts should be made to operate with minimum staff and they should be encouraged to Work from Home (WfH) wherever possible and feasible.

III. Public Utilities:

- i. Operations of Oil and Gas sector, including transportation, distribution, storage and retail of products, e.g., petrol, diesel, kerosene, LPG etc.
- ii. Generation, transmission and distribution of power at State level.
- iii. Postal services, including post offices.
- iv. Operations of utilities in water, sanitation and waste management sectors, at municipal/ local body levels in State.
- v. Operation of utilities, including movement of vehicles and personnel, providing telecommunications, DTH and internet services, including maintenance of telecom towers and recharge facilities for prepaid mobile connection.



IV. Commercial and private establishments, as listed below:

- i. Ration shops including PDS and neighbourhood/ roadside/ street corner shops, dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal feed & fodder, seeds, fertilizers and pesticides including their transportation, warehousing and related activities. These establishments shall follow all COVID-19 safety protocols and shall mandatorily close by 6PM.
- ii. Hotels, Restaurants and dhabas shall operate as per already issued SOPs by Department of Tourism.
- iii. Home delivery by operators/ online delivery of all goods/ services by e-commerce platforms such as Amazon, Flipkart, Blue Dart, DTDC, Myntra etc.
- iv. Retailers of food & grocery items shall also be allowed to provide home delivery services.
- v. Print, electronic and social media.
- vi. Telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting and cable services/ DTH and optical fibre.
- vii. Petrol pumps, LPG, Petroleum and gas retail and storage outlets.
- viii. Power generation, transmission and distribution units and services.
- ix. Government approved Common Service Centers (CSCs) at Gram Panchayat level.
- x. Cold storage and warehousing services.
- xi. Private security services and facilities management services for maintenance and upkeep of office and residential complexes.
- xii. Establishments used/ earmarked for quarantine facilities.
- xiii. Shops dealing in construction equipment and supplies such as cement, iron rods, chips etc.

V. Transportation:

- i. Inter-State & Intra-State movement of Public transport shall continue with occupancy restricted at 50% and subject to SOPs issued by Transport Department.
- ii. Passengers travelling to the State by air, bus or railways shall register on e-pass portal of HP Government prior to commencement of the journey.
- iii. Movement, loading/ unloading of goods/ cargo (inter and intra State) including transportation of all goods is allowed.
- iv. All goods carriers, whether loaded or unloaded.
- v. Member of print & electronic media with valid ID cards shall be allowed to move in vehicles as per SOPs & COVID protocols.
- vi. All vehicles belonging to Government /local bodies or authorized organisations involved in essential services, emergency & COVID-19 management shall be allowed to ply.
- vii. Inter and intra state movement of goods/ cargo for inland and exports.

- viii. Transportation for all medical personnel, nurses, paramedical staff and other hospital support services.
- ix. Private vehicles subject to limit of 50% occupancy with COVID appropriate behaviour & protocols shall be allowed for emergent reasons.
- VI. All agricultural, horticultural, animal husbandry and related activities to remain fully functional.**
- i. Farming operations by farmers and farm workers in field viz. sowing, nursery preparation, land preparation, irrigation, planting, harvesting, threshing, processing and packing, etc.
- ii. Any other activities related to agriculture/ horticulture/ floriculture like procurement, distribution, packaging, warehouse, mandis, cold storage, shops dealing with agriculture machinery & its spare parts, fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides etc.
- iii. Collection, processing, distribution and sale of milk and milk products by milk processing plants, including transport and supply chain.
- iv. Operation of animal husbandry farms including poultry farms & hatcheries, fisheries and livestock farming activities.
- VII. Industries / Industrial Establishments (both Government and private), as listed below:**
- i. All Industries operating in both urban and rural areas with strict adherence to SoPs and Covid-19 safety protocol.
- ii. The Deputy Commissioners shall monitor the SoPs are strictly followed by the industries in their operations. The Head of the industrial unit/ corporate office shall regularly brief DCs in this regard.
- VIII. Construction activities will be allowed in both Government and Private Sector:**
- i. All Construction activities, Contract works at sites along with associated movement of vehicle/ labourers in this regard.
- ii. The Standard Operating Procedure is to be followed in the Government as well as private construction sites and movement of personnel vehicles to prevent spreading of COVID-19.
- IX. Offices of the Government of India, its Autonomous/ Subordinate Offices will remain open, as mentioned below:**
- i. Defence, Central Armed Police Forces, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Disaster Management and Early Warning Agencies (IMD, SASE and CWC), Airport Authority of India, Railways, National Informatics Centre (NIC), Food Corporation of India (FCI), NCC & Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs) any other central government office engaged in essential services or assisting in management of COVID at minimum capacity and shall encourage work from home.
- X. Offices of the State Government, their Autonomous Bodies and Local Governments will remain open, as mentioned below:**



- i. Police, home guards, civil defence, fire and emergency services, disaster management, prisons, municipal services along with offices dealing with essential services to remain open will function without any restrictions. Further, HPPWD & Jal Shakti departments shall function with minimum staff following all COVID-19 safety protocols.
- ii. District administration and Treasury (including field offices of the Accountant General) will function with restricted staff. However, delivery of public services shall be ensured, and necessary staff will be deployed for such purpose.
- iii. Forest offices: staff/ workers required to operate and maintain zoo, nurseries, wildlife, fire-fighting in forests, watering plantations. Patrolling and their necessary transport movement. Forest office includes forestry plantation and related activities, including silviculture operation.
- iv. All other Departments of State Government shall remain close during the lockdown period. The officials and staff need to work from home and remain available in their place of duties and not allowed to leave station without valid permission from the controlling authorities.
- v. Person with Disabilities, Pregnant and lactating women, the persons with co morbidities shall work from home

XI. Offices of the Private/ Civil Society Sector:

Offices in private/ corporate and civil society sector shall be closed and such offices shall encourage work from home for their staff.

General guidance during Lockdown:

All Inter-State movement travellers will have to register on the E-pass portal of HP Government: <https://covid19epass.hp.gov.in> as per existing order issued by Health Department dated 25th April, 2021.

XII. General Directives for COVID-19 Management

The following General Directives for COVID-19 Management shall be strictly followed throughout the State:

- i. Face coverings/ Masks: Wearing of face cover/ mask properly is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and in public transport.
- ii. Physical distancing: Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places.
- iii. Spitting in public place will be punishable with fine, as prescribed in accordance with laws, rules or regulations.
- iv. Consumption of paan, gutka, tobacco, and similar products in public place is prohibited.

XIII. Safety and Protection of vulnerable persons

The following categories of people are advised against outdoor movement, except for essential and health purposes.

- i. persons above 65 years of age
- ii. persons with co-morbidities
- iii. pregnant and lactating women
- iv. children below the age of 10 years



XIV. Penal provisions

Any person violating these lockdown measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and COVID-19 Regulations 2020, besides legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable and HP Police Act, 2007 Section 111 read with Section 114 & 115.

This Order shall remain in force, in all parts of the State for the period as aforementioned.

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. All the Divisional Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
4. All the Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
5. 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.


Principal Secretary (Revenue) to the
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