

ORDER

Whereas, the Himachal Pradesh Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA), has considered the unprecedented surge in COVID-19 cases, high positivity rate and fatalities in the State from time to time, and in order to break the transmission chain of COVID-19 virus, has imposed "Corona Curfew" in the State of Himachal Pradesh, which was last extended vide Order dated 11.06.2021 which is in effect from 14.06.2021 (6AM onwards), with some restrictions and relaxations as an emergency measure;

Now, after duly considering the situation of COVID-19 in the State it is observed that, though the number of COVID-19 patients, daily mortality and positivity rate is declining, and the situation has improved, however certain precautions and restrictions are still required to contain the spread and resurgence of the pandemic. Therefore, the undersigned in the capacity of the Chairman (SEC) in exercise of the powers conferred under section 22(2)(h) and section 24 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, hereby orders that Corona Curfew would continue along with the guidelines/ SOPs issued from time to time but with following additional relaxations to the SEC's Order dated 11.06.2021 across the State till further order, as indicated below:

- 1) All markets, malls, shops etc. are allowed to open up to 8PM. There shall be no restriction on the timings of pharmacies/chemist shops and they will remain open as per their normal operating hours. The shopkeepers and their customers shall however ensure total compliance with COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and safety protocols as per Health Department instructions.
- 2) Restaurants/*dhabas*/other eateries & bars are permitted to now remain open upto 10 PM subject to adoption of social distancing norms, regular sanitization and COVID appropriate behaviour.
- 3) All offices of Government Department/ PSUs/ local bodies/autonomous bodies including the H.P. Secretariat will operate with 100% attendance from 01.07.2021 (FN). All offices shall ensure compliance of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and safety protocols in the work place. The Hon'ble High Court of

Himachal Pradesh will issue separate orders with respect to office restrictions in Hon'ble High Court and all other judicial offices.

- 4) All social/ academic/ entertainment/ cultural/ political and other congregations including marriage celebrations and functions are permitted, up to 50% of the capacity, subject to maximum of 50 persons in indoor built up/covered areas. In open spaces, gatherings will be allowed with ceiling of maximum 100 persons. Above restrictions are subject to strict observance of COVID-19 appropriate behavioural norms and social distancing.
- 5) Gathering in Funerals/Cremations are allowed upto 50 persons subject to strict observance of COVID-19 appropriate behavioural norms and social distancing irrespective of location or venue.
- 6) All cinema halls, entertainment parks, theatres & auditoriums, assembly halls, club houses, golf courses and gymnasiums are allowed to open up to 10PM with 50% capacity after adopting requisite social distancing norms, regular sanitisation and COVID appropriate behaviour.
- 7) Sports Complexes are permitted to open for sports activities including for outdoor sports activities except contact sports (Spectators will not be allowed). Sports Authorities shall ensure adherence of requisite social distancing norms, regular sanitization of the premises and Covid appropriate behaviour as per the SOP issued by Department of Youth Services and Sports, Himachal Pradesh.
- 8) Medical colleges, Ayurvedic colleges, Dental colleges, Nursing and Pharmacy colleges are already allowed to reopen vide SEC's order dated 11.06.2021. Engineering colleges/polytechnic and ITIs shall also be allowed to reopen from 01.07.2021. Detailed guidelines & SOPs in this regard will be issued by the Department of Technical Education, Himachal Pradesh. All other educational, training, coaching institutions etc. shall continue to remain closed till further orders.
- 9) Religious places/places of worship are allowed to open from 01.07.2021 for *darshan* only with the condition that they follow requisite social distancing norms, regular sanitisation and COVID appropriate behaviour as per the SOPs issued by the Department of Language, Art and Culture, Himachal Pradesh. No *kirtan*, *bhajan*, *jagratas* etc. shall be permissible.



Public Transport & Movement of Vehicles

- i. Inter-State movement of public transport buses/contract/stage carriages shall be allowed from 01.07.2021 with 50% of the registered seating capacity as per SOPs issued by the Department of Transport, Himachal Pradesh subject to compliance of COVID-19 safety instructions.
- ii. There will be no requirement of e-pass for entry to the State.

General Directives for COVID 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, shopping areas/ shops/ markets/ malls and workplaces; and in public & private transport. "No Mask, No Service" shall be enforced strictly. Improper wearing of face mask will invite strict penal action.
- 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.
- v. Proper ventilation of closed spaces to be ensured.

Penal provisions

Any person violating these directions 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 III read with Section 114 & 115.

This Order will come into effect immediately unless otherwise specified as above and shall remain in force till further order and will be read in conjunction with previous order on this subject.

Approved by

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

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

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