

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

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ADVISORY

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 certain restrictions in the State of Himachal Pradesh, which was last extended vide Order dated 22.07.2021 which is in effect till further orders with some restrictions and relaxations as an emergency measure.

With the decline in the number of active cases, State is re-opening the activities in a gradual manner. While the decline in the number of cases is a matter of satisfaction, it may be noted that the absolute case numbers are still significantly high. Therefore, there is no room for complacency and the process of relaxing restrictions needs to be carefully calibrated, as has been reiterated in State Executive Committee's Orders & various SOPs.

However, blatant violations of COVID norms have been observed in several parts of the State, especially in public transport and public places. Massive crowds are also thronging the marketplaces, violating norms of social distancing. Therefore, it is important that the field implementation authorities concerned shall ensure COVID Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) in all crowded places, such as shops, malls, markets, market complexes, weekly markets, restaurants & bars, mandis, bus stations, railway platforms/ stations, public parks & gardens, gymnasiums, banquet halls/ marriage halls, stadia/sports complexes as well as at all areas identified as hotspots for transmission of COVID-19 virus.

If the norms of COVID Appropriate Behaviour are not maintained at any establishment/premises/markets etc., such places shall be liable for the re-imposition of restrictions, for containing the spread of COVID-19 and the defaulter(s) shall also be liable for action under the relevant laws.

In view of above, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 22(2)(h) and section 24 of the DM Act 2005, the undersigned in the capacity of the Chairman, State



Executive Committee (SEC), in continuation to the earlier State Executive Committee's Orders, hereby directs that:

1. The State will continue to observe "No Mask-No Service" policy strictly in letter and spirit by all. People with face cover/mask will only be allowed to board public/private transport and enter any other government or private establishment for availing any service/goods.
2. There should be continuous focus on the five-fold strategy for effective management of COVID-19 i.e. Test-Track-Treat-Vaccination and adherence to COVID Appropriate Behaviour.
3. All departments shall strictly comply to the SOPs & guidelines issued for various activities & sectors.

All the Departments and Organisations of the Government, District Magistrates, and Police Officials and Local Authorities of the State are directed to ensure strict compliance with the directions of the SEC. 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.

All persons intending to visit State for tourism related activities are advised to carry their COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate (single or both doses) or a negative RT-PCR test report issued not earlier than 72 hours.

Penal Provisions:

Any person violating these measures and COVID appropriate behaviour 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 will come into effect immediately and shall remain in force till further order and all other restrictions & relaxations shall remain same as per previous order dated 22.06.2021, 07.07.2021 & 22.07.2021.

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.



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