

Rev (DMC) (C) 20-2/2020-COVID-19  
Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Revenue Department-Disaster Management Cell

Shimla-171002  
Date: 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

ORDER

Taking note of the current 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 is improving, 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:

1. All schools shall continue to remain close, except residential schools further up to **04.09.2021**. Teaching and non-teaching staff shall continue to attend the school. For residential schools SOPs developed by the Department of Education will be followed to contain the spread of COVID-19.
2. All social/ academic/ entertainment/ cultural/ political/ religious and other congregations are permitted up to **50% of the capacity in indoor built up/covered areas as well as in open spaces**. These restrictions are subject to strict observance of COVID-19 appropriate behavioural norms and social distancing. Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing, provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory at all such venues.

**Penal Provisions:**

Any person violating these measures and not following COVID appropriate behavior will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provision of Section 51-60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides entailing legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

**This order will come into effect immediately and shall remain in force till further orders.**

Approved by  
Ram Subhag Singh  
Chief Secretary cum Chairman, SEC  
Himachal Pradesh.

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the GoHP.
2. All the Head of Departments, Himachal Pradesh.
3. All the Divisional Commissioner, Himachal Pradesh.
4. All the Deputy Commissioner, Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Director I&PR for wider dissemination.

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1. The Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India
2. All the Member of HPSDMA
3. All the Member of the HP State Executive Committee.
4. The Principal PS-cum-Special Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister-cum-Chairperson HPSDMA.



Principal Secretary (Rev-DM) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh