

Rev (DMC) (C) 20-2/2022 – COVID 19 – IV
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Revenue Department – Disaster Management Cell

Shimla – 171002

Dated: 31st January 2022

ORDER

Taking note of the present situation of COVID-19 in the State, the undersigned in the capacity of the **Chairman, State Executive Committee (SEC)** in exercise of the powers conferred under **section 22(2)(h)** and **section 24** of the Disaster Management Act 2005, hereby issue following directions for the containment of COVID-19 in the State:-

1. **'No Mask, No Service'** policy shall remain operational in the State.
2. **Night Curfew** from **10PM to 5AM** will continue in the State.
3. **Classes from 9th to 12th** are allowed to function **w.e.f. 03.02.2022** in all summer closing schools including residential schools (Government/Semi-Government/Private) in Himachal Pradesh. All other classes will continue to remain closed. The School administration will ensure observance of the COVID-19 SoPs and safety protocols while conducting the classes.
4. Universities/Colleges/Technical Education and other higher educational institutions are also allowed to open from **03.02.2022** with strict observance of COVID-19 appropriate behavior and safety protocols.
5. All **Coaching Centers & Libraries** are allowed to open with COVID Appropriate Behaviour and safety protocols.
6. All social/ religious/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ political and other congregations including marriages & funerals are permitted up to **50% of the capacity**, subject to maximum of **100 persons** in indoor built up/covered areas (whichever is lower). In open spaces/outdoor areas these gatherings are permitted up to **50% of the capacity**, subject to maximum of **300 persons** (whichever is lower). There shall be strict observance of COVID-19 appropriate behavior and safety protocols during these congregations/gatherings.
7. There shall be no restrictions of capacity and working days in the offices of Government Departments/PSUs/ local bodies/ Autonomous Bodies including H.P. Secretariat and they shall work with **100% attendance in all working days**. However, persons with disability and pregnant women employees shall continue to work from home. Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh will issue separate orders to the offices under their jurisdiction.
8. **Gymnasiums/ Sports Complex and Clubs** are allowed to function with strict adherence to the COVID safety protocols.
9. The shops shall open as per their normal prescribed times.
10. Religious **langars** shall remain prohibited in all places in the State.



All the Departments and Organisations of the Government, District Magistrates, Police Officers/Officials and Local Authorities of the State are directed to ensure strict compliance with the directions of the SEC ibid along with the MHA order dated 27.01.2022 (copy enclosed).

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 unless otherwise specified as above and shall remain in force till further order.

Approved by

(Ram Subhag Singh)

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

To

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.

Copy for information to:

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



(Sudesh Kumar Mokhta)

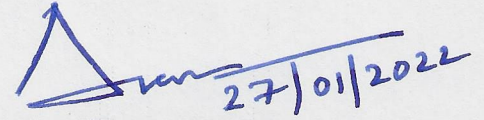
**Director-cum-Spl. Secy. (Rev-DM) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh**

No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated 27th January, 2022

ORDER

In exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned hereby directs that the Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs' of even number dated 27th December, 2021, to ensure compliance to the normative framework for taking evidence based COVID-19 containment measures at district/ local level, as conveyed vide Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) D.O. letter No. Z.28015/318/21-EMR, dated 21st December, 2021, will remain in force upto 28th February, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, followed by the date '27/01/2022' written in blue ink.

**Union Home Secretary
and, Chairperson, National Executive Committee (NEC)**

To:

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
 2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories
- (As per list attached)

Copy to:

- i. All Members of the National Executive Committee
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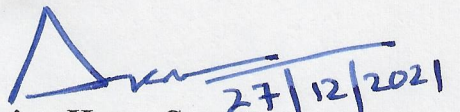
Whereas, an Order of even number dated 28th September 2021, was issued to ensure compliance with the containment measures for COVID-19, as conveyed *vide* Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) DO letter No. Z.28015/85/2021-DM Cell, dated 21st September, 2021, which was further extended for a period upto 31.12.2021 *vide* Order of even number, dated 30.11.2021;

And whereas, in view of the initial signs of surge in cases of COVID-19 as well as increased detection of the Variant of Concern (VoC), 'Omicron', in different parts of the country, MoHFW *vide* D.O. letter No. Z.28015/318/21-EMR, dated 21st December, 2021, has issued an advisory to all the States and Union Territories (UTs), prescribing a normative framework for taking evidence based containment measures at district/ local level;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (DM Act), the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has directed the undersigned to issue an Order, for containment of COVID-19 in the country;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the DM Act, the undersigned, hereby directs the State/ UT Governments and State/ UT Authorities to consider implementation of the normative framework, as conveyed *vide* aforesaid MoHFW advisory, dated 21st December, 2021, as per **Annexure-I**, until 31.01.2022. States/ UTs will take necessary measures, under the relevant provisions of the DM Act. It is further directed that:

- (i) The National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in **Annexure II**, shall continue to be strictly followed throughout the country.
- (ii) All the District Magistrates shall strictly enforce the above measures. For the enforcement of social distancing, State/ UT Governments may, as far as possible, use the provisions of Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) of 1973.
- (iii) Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Sections 51 to 60 of the DM Act, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions, as applicable.


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Government of India

Department of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D.O.No.Z.28015/318/21-EMR
21 December, 2021

राजेश भूषण, आईएएस
सचिव

RAJESH BHUSHAN, IAS
SECRETARY



Dear Colleague,

This is regarding the measures that need to be taken in view of initial signs of surge in cases of Covid-19 as well as increased detection of the Variant of Concern (VoC), 'Omicron' in different parts of the country.

2. In this context kindly recall this Ministry's earlier guidance shared with States/UTs on multiple occasions regarding the recommended strategies for containment and restrictions, keeping the District as a unit.

3. At the **district level** there should be constant review of emerging data regarding the population affected by COVID-19, geographical spread, hospital infrastructure and its utilization, manpower, notifying Containment Zones, enforcement of perimeter of containment zones etc. This evidence should be the basis for effective decision making at the district level itself. Such a strategy ensures that infection is contained at the local level itself before it spreads to other parts of the state.

4. The main elements of the framework to be used by States and UTs to facilitate decision making at the District Level are as follows:

- i) Test positivity of 10% or more in the last one week
- OR
- ii) Bed occupancy of 40% or more on oxygen supported or ICU beds

In case any one of these parameters are met in any District, district level containment measures and restrictions may be put in place forthwith. Equally important, the restrictions must be strictly enforced.

5. Based on current scientific evidence, the VOC Omicron is at least 3 times more transmissible than the Delta VOC. Besides, the Delta VOC is still present in different parts of the country. Hence, even greater foresight, data analysis, dynamic decision making and strict & prompt containment action is required at the local and district level. The decision making at the State/UT and district level must be very prompt and focussed.

6. The template above provides a normative framework. However, based on the **local situation** and population characteristics such as density etc., and keeping in mind the higher transmissibility of Omicron, States/UTs can take containment measures and restrictions **even before these thresholds** are reached.

7. Some of the **strategic areas of intervention** focusing on containment, test, track, surveillance, clinical management, vaccination and Covid Appropriate Behaviour to be taken up are as follows:

A -**Containment**: imposition of night curfew, strict regulation of large gatherings, curtailing numbers in marriages and funerals, restricting numbers in offices, industries, public transport etc. In case of all new clusters of Covid positive cases, prompt notification of "Containment Zones", "Buffer Zones" should be done, strict perimeter control of Containment Zone as per extant guidelines must be ensured. All cluster samples must be sent to INSACOG Labs for Genome Sequencing without delay.

B- **Testing and surveillance**: testing as per ICMR and MoHFW guidelines, door to door case search, testing of all SARI/ILI and vulnerable/co-morbid people, ensuring right proportion of RT-PCR tests in total tests being conducted daily, contact tracing of all Covid positive persons & their timely testing, utilizing the access to "AIR SUVIDHA" Portal by State Surveillance Officers (SSOs) & District Surveillance Officers (DSOs) to monitor the international passengers who have arrived in their States & Districts etc.

C- **Clinical Management**: increase bed capacity, other logistics like ambulances, mechanism for seamless shifting of patients, availability and operational readiness of oxygen equipments, buffer stock of drugs to be ensured by prompt utilization of Emergency Covid Response Package (ECRP-II) funds released by Central Government & other available resources etc. The existing National Clinical Management Protocol remains unchanged for Omicron.

Ensure stringent enforcement of home isolation as per extant guidelines. This would include among others: customized kit for persons undergoing home isolation, their regular monitoring through call centers as well as home visits etc. This will be a very critical activity in the days to come specially to ensure that persons under home isolation do not spread the virus to others in view of its higher transmissibility.

D- **Vaccination**: ensure 100% coverage of left out first and second dose eligible beneficiaries in an accelerated manner. Special focus to be given to those districts where the first & second dose coverage is less than the national average. The door-to-door vaccination campaign need to be strengthened.

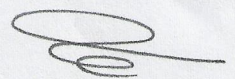
E- **Community engagement and Covid Appropriate Behaviour**: Ensure advance engagement and information so that there is no misinformation or panic, transparent communication on hospital and testing infrastructure availability, regular press briefings etc. Participation of community backed by strict enforcement is necessary for ensuring Covid Appropriate Behaviour.

8. Kindly activate the War rooms/EOCs and keep analyzing all trends and surges, no matter how small and keep taking proactive action at the district/local level.

Regular reviews with field officers and proactive action in this regard will definitely control the spread of infection and flatten the curve.

Warm Regards.

Yours sincerely



(Rajesh Bhushan)

Chief Secretary/Administrator of all States / UTs

NATIONAL DIRECTIVES FOR COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

1. **Face covering:** Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and during transport.
2. **Social distancing:** Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet (*2 gaz ki doori*) in public places.

Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers.

3. **Spitting in public places** will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the State/ UT local authority in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.

Additional directives for Work Places

4. **Work from home (WfH):** As far as possible the practice of WfH should be followed.
 5. **Staggering of work/ business hours** will be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.
 6. **Screening & hygiene:** Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash or sanitizer will be made at all entry points and of hand wash or sanitizer at exit points and common areas.
 7. **Frequent sanitization** of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., will be ensured, including between shifts.
 8. **Social distancing:** All persons in charge of work places will ensure adequate distance between workers and other staff.
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