

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

Shimla – 171002
Dated: 26th March 2021

ORDER

Whereas an Order dated 25.03.2021 was issued to arrest the spread of COVID-19 in the State for compliance with order and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for containment of COVID-19 dated 23.03.2021.

And whereas, after a careful review of the emerging situation regarding spread of COVID-19 epidemic in the State it is apparent that it still remains a public health risk and caution is necessary for the containment of spread of COVID-19 in the State.

Now, therefore after considering the emerging situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and the overall circumstances resulting from non-adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols by public, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 24 (e) of the DM Act 2005, the undersigned in the capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee (SEC), hereby orders that the existing orders of SEC for management of COVID-19 will be strictly enforced subject to following directions:

- I. All educational institutions schools/colleges/universities/institutes will remain closed upto 04.04.2021, except for the classes having their scheduled examinations, as a precautionary measure. All teaching/non-teaching staff will however continue to attend their respective institutions. All coaching centres and nursing/medical/dental colleges will remain open and ensure observance of the COVID-19 SOPs issued by respective departments. Schools/Institutions having residential facilities need not close down their hostel facilities but must observe SOPs issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India for COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. All such schools/ educational institutions must appoint a compliance officer for this purpose.
- II. All kind of Holi celebrations in public places are strictly prohibited in the State. However, family celebrations inside the residential dwellings shall be permitted.
- III. All congregations and *langars* inside & around the temples/ places of worship are prohibited with immediate effect. However, pilgrims/devotees may be allowed to enter the sanctum sanatorium for offering *puja/darshan* etc. With due adherence to the SOPs issued by the respective departments.
- IV. All the offices of Government Departments/ PSUs/ Autonomous Bodies including the H.P. Secretariat will remain closed on 03.04.2021 to break the chain of transmission.

