

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

Dated: 09 January, 2022

ORDER

Whereas, orders of even number dated **05-01-2022** and **08-01-2022** were issued by the State Executive Committee (SEC) for effective control of COVID-19 in the State.

Whereas, considering the recent surge in COVID-19 cases across the State and after considering the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic which requires strict measures in order to contain its spread.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under the **Section 22(2)(h)** and **Section 24** of the **Disaster Management Act 2005**, the undersigned in the capacity of the **Chairman, State Executive Committee (SEC)**, hereby directs that the following consolidated guidelines shall be in force in addition to the directions already issued by SEC vide order dated 05-01-2022 and 08-01-2022 in Himachal Pradesh w.e.f. **6 AM of 10 January, 2022 to 6 AM of 24 January, 2022:**

1. All the offices of Government Departments/ PSUs/ local bodies/ Autonomous Bodies including the H.P. Secretariat **will remain closed on Saturdays & Sundays (5 working days a week)** and these offices will operate with the **50% attendance** in working days. These restrictions will not be on offices dealing with emergency or essential services such as health, police, fire, banks, electricity, water & sanitation, public transport, telecom, Excise, Budget and related incident services/activities etc. HODs/Controlling officers shall issue roster order accordingly. However, the Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh will issue separate orders with respect to the Hon'ble High Court and all other judicial offices.
2. All social and religious gatherings shall be completely banned in the state. Other gatherings/congregations like academic/ sports/

entertainment/ cultural/ political are permitted up to **50% of the capacity, subject to maximum of 100 persons in indoor built up/covered areas** (whichever is lower) and **in open spaces/outdoor areas permitted up to 50% of the capacity, subject to 300 persons** (whichever is lower). Prior intimation of gatherings shall be given to the District/Sub Divisional Administration and local administration can impose additional conditions upon the organizers, as deemed fit, in context of local COVID situation. There shall be strict observance of COVID-19 appropriate behavior and safety protocols during these congregations/gatherings.

3. Along with Religious Places/ Places of worship there will be **total ban on Langar/community kitchens/dhaams in all places in the state.**
4. For fixing the timings of the shops/markets or staggering schedule of their openings/closing, respective District Magistrates are authorized to take decision on this behalf after taking note of COVID-19 situations and specific requirements of their districts.
5. District Administration shall be competent to deploy any government employee who are otherwise not performing any duties or not coming to their offices because of the directions by any authority, and depute them for any duty relating to vaccination, surveillance, monitoring of persons under home isolation, manning the check posts, making data entry or monitoring, calling home isolated patients, etc. as per requirements to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Penal Provisions:

Any person violating these measures 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 Order shall remain in force, in all parts of the Himachal Pradesh w.e.f. 6 AM of 10 January, 2022 to 6 AM of 24 January, 2022

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. 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.



(Onkar Chand Sharma)
Principal Secretary (Revenue)
Government of Himachal Pradesh.