

No. SML-ADM(L&O)/COVID-19-I-29/2-20
Office of the District Magistrate,
Shimla, District Shimla (HP)

Dated Shimla-1 /2 November, 2020

Order U/S 34 of National Disaster Management Act, 2005

Whereas, there has been a surge in the COVID-19 cases during the last one month and it has been noticed that the norms regarding use of masks, maintaining social distance and other protocol related to COVID-19 is not being followed strictly at various places. The risk of spreading the virus has increased manifold due to huge social gatherings.

Whereas, the COVID related protocol is required to be followed strictly in all the social /academic /sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious /political/ other congregations to ensure public safety in the district and strict measures are required to be adopted in this regard.

Therefore, I, Aditya Negi, IAS, District Magistrate, Shimla exercising the powers vested in me under Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, do hereby order and direct that all social /academic /sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious /political/ other congregations, henceforth, will be regulated as under:-

1. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed, with a ceiling of 200 persons. In no case, more than 200 persons are to be accommodated in closed spaces. The organiser shall ensure that all the guests wear face masks, maintain social distancing. Further, the organiser shall ensure that there shall be a provision of thermal scanning and the detail of guests shall be maintained. Moreover, the organiser shall ensure that hand wash facility and sanitizers are kept at visible location in sufficient quantities.
2. The gathering can exceed 200 persons in open spaces, keeping in view the size of the ground/space subject to the conditions laid down in point No. 1.
3. Proper planning of the event should be done to facilitate thermal screening, physical distancing, sanitization etc. and crowds shall be regulated and managed properly to ensure physical distance and frequent sanitization. Staggered timings and restricted entry shall be ensured.
4. Volunteers should be appointed and appropriately stationed to ensure thermal scanning, physical distancing and wearing of mask.
5. Adequate supply of sanitizers, thermal guns and physical distancing floor markings shall be ensured.

6. Pre-identification of space/site shall be done in each event/venue for isolation of suspect cases.
7. Close circuit cameras etc., if feasible, may be considered to monitor compliance of physical distance norms, wearing of masks at each venue.
8. All events must plan for medical care arrangements with linkages to nearest hospitals to attend to health emergencies.
9. In case of marriages, it shall be mandatory to inform the Tehsildar and SHO concerned who will visit the concerned place/venue to check if all instructions/guidelines are being complied with.

This order shall come in force with immediate effect and will remain in force till further orders.

Violation of this Order shall attract provisions of Sections 188, 269, and 270 of IPC and the violators shall be prosecuted accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal of the office on this 12 day of November, 2020.

Aditya Negi (IAS),
District Magistrate,
Shimla
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Dated 12 November, 2020

Endst. No. As above

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District Magistrate,
Shimla.
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