



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
HOME DEPARTMENT  
TASHILING SECRETARIAT  
GANGTOK

No. 40/Home/2020

Dated: 29/11/2020

**ORDER**

**SUB: MEASURES CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19**

Whereas, the Union Home Secretary, Government of India has, in exercise of powers conferred under section 6(2) (i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, issued Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1 (A) dated 25/11/2020 with Guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution, which will be in force upto 31/12/2020.

Therefore, these Guidelines, in so far as their implementation in the State of Sikkim is concerned, are specified and compiled in the attached "**Annexure**", and are hereby notified for implementation, with the direction that the same may be read in conjunction with the aforesaid guidelines of GOI.

The National Directives issued by the GOI (enclosed at Annexure- I) and the Guidelines issued with this Order shall be strictly enforced by the concerned District Magistrates and the SPs as per the relevant legal provisions. These directives, guidelines and the relevant penal provisions should be given adequate publicity.

  
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Chief Secretary

Government of Sikkim  
File No. Home/Confdl/119/2020

Encl: As above.



**Guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution**  
(Issued with Order No. 40 /Home/2020 dated 29/11/2020)

These Guidelines shall be effective from 01/12/2020 upto 31/12/2020 or till further orders.

**1. Movement of Public Transport within the State:**

In order to regulate the movement of persons during the weekends, the following measures are taken:

- i. On Saturdays, only those vehicles- including private cars, taxis, government vehicles and two wheelers- bearing registration number ending with EVEN digit shall be allowed to ply within the State.
- ii. On Sundays, only those vehicles (as defined above) bearing registration number ending with ODD digit, shall be allowed to ply within the State.
- iii. Government/Emergency vehicles on duty shall be exempted from the above arrangement.
- iv. Commercial goods vehicles including Light Commercial Vehicles (LCV) shall be allowed to ply WITHOUT any restrictions every day.

**2. Restrictions on movement of vehicles and persons at night:**

- i. There shall be NO movement of vehicles and persons after 9.00 PM till 6.00 AM every day except for emergency purposes. The District Police shall ensure strict compliance.
- ii. This shall, however, not apply to commercial goods vehicles including LCVs and vehicles on emergency duty.

**3. Markets, Shops, Institutions, Commercial and Industrial establishments:**

- i. All commercial establishments- including restaurants, bars, night clubs shall close by 9.00PM every day.
- ii. All commercial establishments shall strictly follow social distancing norms. Installation of *Aarogya Setu* App by all employees shall be ensured by the Manager or the Proprietor, as the case may be.
- iii. The District authorities shall ensure that there is strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing norms in market and commercial establishments.

**4. Functioning of Government Offices:**

- i. State Government Offices shall continue to remain closed on weekend i.e. Saturdays and Sundays till further orders. Concerned HoDs shall make arrangement for sanitisation of offices during this period.
- ii. Installation of *Arogya Setu* app by all officers and employees shall be ensured.

**5. Social/Academic/Sports/Entertainment/Cultural/religious/political functions and other congregations:**

- i. Social/Academic/Sports/Entertainment/Cultural/religious/political functions and other congregations shall be allowed with a maximum of 50% of the seating capacity with a ceiling of 50 persons in closed spaces. In open spaces, the number may be increased keeping in view the size of the space available.
- ii. The swimming pools shall be opened only for the purpose of training of sports persons.
- iii. Cinema Halls and theatres shall operate with upto 50% capacity.
- iv. The District Collectors shall issue permissions for such congregations and also ensure strict observance of social distancing norms, provision for thermal scanning, hand wash and sanitizers.

**6. Measures for well-being and safety of persons:**

Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home, except for meeting essential requirements and for health purposes, as per the National Directives.

**7. Containment Zones:**

- i. The above guidelines shall not apply to the area, locality or the premises declared as the Containment Zone by the concerned DM. The restrictions on movement and activities allowed within the Containment Zones shall be as per the applicable GOI Guidelines issued vide MHA Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 25/11/2020.
- ii. Strict containment measures will be enforced in these containment zones and only essential activities will be allowed. There shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and maintaining supply of essential goods and services.
- iii. In Containment Zones there shall be intensive contact tracing, house to house surveillance and other clinical interventions, as required. Guidelines issued by Ministry of Health shall be effectively implemented for the above purpose.

- iv. Listing of contacts shall be carried out in respect of all persons found positive, along with their tracking, identification, quarantine and follow up of contacts for 14 days (80% of the contacts to be traced in 72 hours).
- v. Quick isolation of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities/home (subject to fulfilling the home isolation guidelines).
- vi. The District Authorities shall ensure that the prescribed Containment Measures are strictly followed. In case of any lapses, the concerned DM and District SP shall be held accountable.

**8. SOPs for various activities:**

- i. Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) have been prescribed by GOI and State Government Departments for various activities including public transport, schools, higher educational institutions, hotels and restaurants, shopping malls, entertainment parks, yoga centres, gymnasiums, assemblies and congregations etc.
- ii. These SoPs shall be strictly enforced by the authorities concerned, who shall be responsible for their strict observance.

**9. Jan Andolan for COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour:**

The Information and Public Relations Department and the Health and Family Welfare Department shall intensify the *Jan Andolan* campaign launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister for COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.

**10. Penal Provisions:-**

Any person violating these lockdown measures and the National Directives for COVID-19 Management will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Sec.188 of the IPC, and Sikkim Public Health and Safety (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020.



  
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## Annexure-I

### National Directives for COVID-19 Management

1. **Face Coverings:** Wearing of face cover is compulsory in all public places, work places and during transport.
2. **Social distancing:** Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places.  
Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers.
3. **Spitting in public spaces** will be punishable with fine as per Sikkim Public Health and Safety (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020.

### 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 and commercial establishments. .
6. **Screening and 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, adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff etc.