



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Disaster Management Department- Covid 19- Surge in Positive Cases-  
Restrictions for the Effective Containment -Further orders -issued

**DISASTER MANAGEMENT(A)DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Rt)No.391/2021/DMD** Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 30/04/2021

- Read 1 GO(Rt) No. 364/2021/DMD dated 13/04/2021  
2 GO(Rt) No. 371/2021/DMD dated 17/04/2021  
3 GO(Rt) No. 375/2021/DMD dated 19/04/2021  
4 GO(Rt) No. 378/2021/DMD dated 21/04/2021  
5 GO(Rt) No. 383/2021/DMD dated 26/04/2021

**ORDER**

The surge in Covid 19 cases in the State is continuing in most districts inspite of various containment measures. The bed occupancy and demand for Oxygen in health facilities have increased considerably. The Department of Health have indicated that more stringent restrictions are needed over a longer period of time instead of weekend restrictions to control the upswing in Covid 19 cases across the State and to decrease the rising case load so that the health system can cope up with the active cases.

2. Therefore, in order to contain the unabated surge in Covid cases, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in the capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee of the KSDMA, hereby issue the following directions to be implemented on the 1st & 2nd of May, 2021 and again from the 4th to the 9th of May, 2021.

**All activities other than those permitted below are prohibited:**

1. Election related counting arrangements, essential and emergency services shall be allowed on 1st May and 2nd May, 2021. Officials on

Election Duty, Candidates, Counting Agents and Media representatives only will be allowed (at the counting centres) on 2nd May, 2021.

2. All State and Central Government offices and their Autonomous bodies, Corporations etc. dealing with emergency and essential services (Revenue&Disaster Management, Health, Home, Local Self Government, Civil Supplies, Transport, Animal Husbandry, Fire& Rescue, Industries, Forest, Labour, Social Justice, Factories&Boilers, KWA, KSEBL etc) and COVID 19 containment and management duties shall be functional and officers/personnel of the same shall be allowed unrestricted movement. Rest of the department shall work with **essential staff only**. Sector Magistrates deployed from whatever department shall continue their enforcement work unhindered.

3. All Industries/Companies/Organizations dealing with emergency and essential services and requiring operations 24\*7 shall be permitted to operate. Movement of employees of such organizations shall be allowed on producing valid ID card issued by their respective Organization/Institution.

4. Movement of Medical Oxygen should be facilitated by all agencies.

5. Oxygen Technicians, health care and sanitation personnel shall be allowed to move with a valid ID card.

6. Employees and vehicles of Telecom Service providers,Infrastructure Providers, Internet Service providers, Petronet, Petroleum and LPG units are essential services and shall be allowed movement on producing valid ID card issued by their respective organization/institution. Only essential staff/employees of IT and IT enabled Service companies/organizations shall work from office and rest shall work from home.

7. Patients and their attendants/persons having emergency needs and eligible people intending to take vaccination shall be allowed movement with valid ID proof.

8. Only neighbourhood shops dealing with medicines(pharmacies), newspapers, food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat, fish and toddy shall be allowed to function. Repair and service centres of vehicles and equipments will also be allowed. Home delivery of essential items shall be encouraged to minimize movement of individuals outside their homes. All operations shall be performed subject to COVID 19 protocol. Shopkeepers and their staff shall use double masks and gloves. Shops shall be closed by 9 PM.

9. Restaurant and eateries shall be allowed only to cater to parcel and

home delivery and shall be closed by 9 PM.

10. Banks may be open on working days from 10 AM to 1 PM for the public. Internal work with in the bank may be carried on till 2 PM. All customers are advised to do online transactions as far as possible.

11. Movement of long distance bus services, trains and air travel are permitted. Movement of Public Transport, Goods Carriage vehicles and private vehicles, auto rickshaws and taxis (including cabs by aggregators) to and from airports, railway stations and bus terminal/stops/stands/hospitals & healthcare centres is allowed for facilitating movement of passengers by air, rail and road. The movement will be allowed only on displaying valid travel documents/tickets and strictly adhering to Covid 19 protocol.

12. Marriages( maximum of fifty persons only) and house warming ceremonies registered as an event in Covid 19 Jagratha Portal are permitted strictly adhering to Covid 19 Protocols. Funerals with a maximum of 20 persons following Covid 19 protocol are permitted.

13. Migrant workers will continue to work wherever they are following Covid protocol. Movement of house-helps and caregivers for old age people shall be permitted.

14. Ration Shops(Civil Supplies Department) and outlets of Civil Supplies Corporation shall function.

15. All primary sector activities including agriculture, plantation, animal husbandry etc, All secondary sectors like Industries, MSMEs etc and Constructions shall continue following Covid protocol and national directives.

16. In places of worship, the number of persons allowed shall be in proportion to the area available so that the 2 m social distance can be maintained. In any case, not more than 50 persons can be allowed.

17. Shooting (In-door and outdoor) for films, television serials,documentaries shall not be permitted.

(By order of the Governor)

**DR. V P JOY**  
**CHIEF SECRETARY**