

# West Bengal imposes partial lockdown amid Covid-19 surge - What's allowed, what's not

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A senior official today announced that a partial lockdown will be imposed in the state amid the rising covid-19 cases.

Activities related to the electoral counting processes and victory rallies will be guided by the Election Commission protocols, the order said.

Medical shops, medical equipment outlets, grocery stores, along with home delivery services, have been kept out of the order's purview.

"The restrictions will be in place till the administration reviews the situation again," a senior official told news agency PTI.

Here is the list of dos and do not's during the partial lockdown imposed in West Bengal:

All social, cultural, academic and entertainment-related gatherings and congregations prohibited in Bengal until further orders.

Bazars, marketplaces in Bengal to operate from 7am-10am and 3pm-5pm; home deliveries permitted.

Medical shops, medical equipment outlets, grocery stores kept out of purview of Bengal govt order on COVID-19 restrictions.

All shopping malls, gyms, beauty parlours, cinema halls, restaurants and bars, sports complexes, gyms, spas and swimming pools shall remain closed.

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides action under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code and other legal provisions as applicable.

West Bengal on Thursday registered its highest single-day deaths of 89 people due to COVID-19, pushing the toll to 11,248, the health department said.

The coronavirus tally topped the 8-lakh-mark to settle at 8,10,955 after 17,403 tested positive in the last 24 hours, it said.

The metropolis accounted for 23 deaths, followed by neighbouring North 24 Parganas (21), South 24 Parganas (11), Howrah (7), Hooghly (6) and Bankura (5) districts, the bulletin said.

The new infections include 3,912 from North 24 Parganas and 3,901 in Kolkata.

The state now has 1,10,241 active cases, it said, adding, 12,885 patients recovered since Wednesday. So far, 6,89,466 people have been discharged following recovery.

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Eleven states -- Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Bihar -- cumulatively account for 78.18 per cent of India's total active cases, according to the Union Health Ministry data.