

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**PUDUCHERRY STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
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No.104/PSEC/COVID19/2021

Puducherry, dt.23-05-2021

**ORDER**

Sub: PSEC -Containment of Resurgence of COVID 19 - Instructions-Issued.

- Ref: 1. The Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dt.23/03/2021 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.  
2. The Order No. 104/PSEC/COVID19/ 2021 dated 12-04-2021, 20-04-2021, 21-04-2021, 26-04-2021, 27-04-2021, 03.05.2021, 08.05.2021, 09.05.2021 and 19.05.2021 of the State Executive Committee, Puducherry.  
3. The DO. No.Z.28015/85/2021-DM Cell dated 25<sup>th</sup> April'2021 of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).  
4. The Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dt.29/04/2021 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

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Govt. of Puducherry has issued lockdown orders to contain the spread of COVID-19 virus but the cases have not stabilized, but have risen since then. The last such lockdown order/notification was issued vide No.104/PSEC/COVID19/ 2021 dated 19.05.2021, effective upto 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021(mid-night).

2. It is necessary to strengthen the **LOCKDOWN** to break the chain of Covid-19 transmission. Therefore, the following lockdown measures are issued under Disaster Management Act, 2005, with immediate effect **upto 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2021 (mid-night)** for strict compliance by all concerned.

1.	Corona Night Curfew	There shall be Corona Curfew from 10.00 pm till 5.00 am every day.
2.	<b>LOCKDOWN</b>	<p>In addition to the aforesaid Corona Night Curfew, there shall be lockdown with immediate effect upto 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2021 (mid-night).</p> <p>All Beaches, Parks, Gardens, Auditorium, Museum, Entertainment venue, Libraries are closed for Public on all days. Gathering and congregations in any form is strictly prohibited.</p> <p>Social / political / sports / entertainment / academic / cultural / festival related and other gathering in both open and closed spaces shall be prohibited.</p> <p>All Government offices / Departments except essential services Offices / departments viz., Raj Niwas/ Assembly/ Council of Ministers/ Chief Secretariat, Health, Revenue and Disaster Management, Police, Home Guard, Fire services, Jails, District Administration, Elections, LAD/local bodies, Civil Supplies, Industries, Labour, Animal Husbandry, Electricity, PWD, Forests, Agriculture, Treasury, Welfare Departments, Transport, Finance, Fisheries of Government of Puducherry shall remain closed. However employees / staff of the closed Offices /departments engaged for COVID Management duties shall attend their duties. The Administrative Secretaries/HODs of the closed departments shall make vehicles of their offices/departments available for COVID related duties. The Administrative Secretaries/HODs of the exempted offices/departments are also advised to avoid calling the staff for duty which may not be essential for the maintenance of essential services/Covid related services.</p>

All activities are prohibited except the following activities. People shall stay at their homes and shall not come out except for the following permitted activities. Such movement for the permitted activities would be subject to verification of the identity and purpose by the enforcement agencies. The enforcement agencies should verify the identity and purpose of the movement on roads and action should be taken against violators.

**Permitted activities and terms and conditions thereof:**

1) (a) Provision Stores, Vegetable Shops, shops dealing with food, groceries, fruits, meat and fish, animal fodder shall be permitted **to function from 5.00 AM upto 12.00 noon without air conditioning facility**. Shopping Complex and Malls, shall however not be permitted to operate. Routine maintenance of the malls and other closed establishments is permitted. Collectors /Regional Administrators / Local Administration Department may study the locations where vegetables/ fish / meat shops are densely located leading to gathering of people in large numbers, and plan to space them out in terms of locations, wherever possible.

2) (a) Only delivery of foods by way of home delivery/take away by restaurants/eateries is permitted. Food shall be served to the Guests in Hotels and Lodges in their rooms only and the Guests shall not be permitted to dine in the restaurants attached to Hotels and Lodges. Further, guests for Business reasons and Medical purposes alone are allowed to stay in Hotels /Lodges and Guest Houses. As such only the dine-in facility in Restaurants, Hotels, Mess and eateries shall not be permitted. Tea shops and fresh juice shops, being a place for gathering/loitering, shall not be permitted.

(b) The Restaurants/ eateries are permitted to open for the home delivery/ take away alone and upto 12.00 Noon only. They shall be closed down if they are found violating this lockdown order/ restrictions or COVID-19 appropriate behavior is not observed in and around their premises.

3) Dairy & Milk supply / booth, pharmacy, hospitals, medical labs, Pharmaceuticals, Opticians, medicines and medical equipments, distribution of news papers, ambulance and hearse vehicle services, medical and its allied activities, all medical emergency cases shall be permitted.

4) Goods transport shall be permitted. Private, Government public passenger transport (buses/auto/taxies) shall not to be permitted. However vehicle for medical and emergency purposes, marriages, death of a key relative, interview /examinations will be allowed. These vehicle owners are advised to place a transparent glass or other material shields to break the contact between the driver and the passengers.

5) All religious places / places of worship shall be closed for public worship. However, essential Poojas / Prarthanas / Rituals are permitted to be conducted only by the priests/employees of the respective religious place.

6) Marriage related gathering shall be permitted but with guests not exceeding 25.

7) Funeral/last rites are permitted with participants not exceeding 20.



8) Only following Industrial production/industries shall be permitted.

- 1) Manufacturing units of Drugs, Pharmaceuticals, Sanitation, Materials, Oxygen, Medical Devices, Medical textiles, their raw materials components and their intermediates
- 2) Manufacturing units engaged in the production of agricultural inputs including fertilizers, agricultural machinery and their components.
- 3) All Exports units, units which have export commitments or export orders and their vendor unit providing inputs to such industries
- 4) Manufacturing units that supply components / equipments for defence sector.
- 5) Manufacturing units of automobiles and components that are used in defence, agriculture and health sectors.
- 6) Manufacturing units that produce packaging materials for all the above categories.
- 7) Continuous process Industries.
- 8) Industries Production units operating with in-situ Staff / Workers.

Terms / Condition for operations of Industries :

(a) Staff / employees of the permitted industries will be allowed to travel on buses / vehicles provided by the industries or their personal vehicles to attend their duty. They shall carry ID card / letter issued by the industries.

(b) In case of the industries that are not exempted, only the essential maintenance needed for the purposes of fire safety, machine safety and worker safety shall be permitted.

(c) Factories and manufacturing units that are operating under permitted categories must subscribe to following discipline.

- (i). To scan body temperature of labourers pre-entry and confirm to COVID appropriate behaviour of all concerned.
- (ii). If a labourers/ worker found positive, other labourers who have come into active contact with him to be quarantined with pay.
- (iii). In case of any worker found to be positive, unit to be closed until completely sanitised.
- (iv). Lunch and tea breaks to be staggered for avoiding crowding. No common eating places.
- (v). Common toilet facilities to be sanitised frequently.
- (vi). If a worker is found positive he or she would be allowed medical leave and cannot be discontinued during this absence for this reason.

9) Ongoing construction works with in-situ labour force shall be permitted.

10) All agricultural operations.

11) Following essential services shall be permitted:

- (i) POL Bunks, ATMs, Telecommunication, Internet services, Broadcasting and Cable services, Media, IT and IT enabled services, Water supply, Sanitation, Electricity supply, Cold storages and ware housing services, private security services, Law and order/emergency/municipal/fire/Courts as per orders of High Court.

		<p>(ii) Banks, Insurance Offices and SEBI/Stock related offices shall operate upto 12.00 noon only with reduced staff as deemed appropriate by the Institution concerned.</p> <p>12) All E-Commerce activities shall be permitted.</p> <p><b>General Public are advised to buy provisions, vegetables and essential items like medicine etc from the shops near their houses and not travel long distances for purchase of these items. Enforcement agencies/ Police shall prevent general public travelling long distances for purchase of essential commodities.</b></p>
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3. Regional Administrators may align local restrictions in keeping with restrictions in neighboring states/districts for the sake of better Covid management.

4. There shall be strict enforcement of these measures by the enforcement agencies/ Police shall periodically and randomly carry out verification of persons travelling on road by establishing nakas/ road barriers at suitable places. Police shall also ensure strict border control to prevent cross border movement due to different business timings between Puducherry and neighboring States. Extant guidelines/instructions of MoH&FW and MHA, New Delhi shall be strictly enforced in the containment zones. The Enforcement officers concerned shall challan the violators under law. The National directives for COVID-19 management as specified in Annexure - I shall be strictly followed throughout the UT of Puducherry.


5. (a) All essential shops owner and person working in shops / commercial establishment / industries are advised to get themselves vaccinated at the earliest, as per criteria of Government of India.

(b) Violation of restrictions/lockdown orders/ norms for containment zones by a shop/ commercial establishment/ industry shall be fined to a maximum level as permissible under the laws applicable.

(c) Violation of the lockdown order by stepping out of the home without any valid reason/ without identity card shall be fined.

(d) Any person violating the aforesaid lockdown or the National Directives will be liable to be proceeded against as per provision of 51 to 60 of Disaster Management Act, 2005 and section 188 of IPC and other legal provisions as warranted.

6. This order substitutes all other previous orders issued on the subject and comes to force with immediate effect.

  
 (ASHOK KUMAR, I.A.S.)  
 SECRETARY (R&R) /  
 MEMBER SECRETARY (SEC)

To

1. All Members of the State Executive Committee, Puducherry
2. All Commissioner-cum-Secretaries to Government, Puducherry
3. The Director General of Police, Puducherry.
4. The District Collector - Cum - Chairman, DDMA, Puducherry / Karaikal.
5. The Regional Administrator, Mahe / Yanam.
6. All Heads of Departments, Puducherry

Copy to :

1. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Puducherry
2. The Chief Secretary to Govt., Puducherry
3. The Secretary to HLG, Puducherry.

ANNEXURE-I  
NATIONAL DIRECTIVES FOR COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

1. **Face coverings:** Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and during transport.
2. **Social distancing:** Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet (2 gaz ki doori) in public places.  
Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers.
3. **Spitting in public places** will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the State/ UT local authority in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.

*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 & commercial establishments.
6. **Screening & 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 and other staff.

