



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
HOME DEPARTMENT  
TASHILING SECRETARIAT  
GANGTOK

No. 24/Home/2021

Dated: 30/05/2021

ORDER

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

Whereas, the Guidelines for Containment of Covid-19 pandemic in the State have been reviewed in view of the fact that the average positivity rate for Covid-19 cases in the State continues to be more than 20%.

Whereas, it is felt that restrictions on the movement of people which are in force, need to be extended for one more week till 5.00 AM on 7.06.2021;

Therefore, this Order along with the Guidelines attached as **Annexure I** is issued with the approval of the Chairperson, State Executive Committee exercising his powers under section 22(2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, for strict implementation within the State of Sikkim.

The National Directives for Covid-19 Management issued by the Government of India are also enclosed as Annexure-II for strict implementation and compliance.



(R. Telang, IAS)

Principal Secretary

Home Department

Government of Sikkim

File No. Home/Confdl/119/2020

**Guidelines for Containment of Covid-19**  
**(Issued with Order No.24/Home/2021 dated 30/05/2021)**

1. Period of complete lockdown imposed till 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2021 is hereby extended till 5.00 am on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.
2. All State Government offices, private commercial establishments, institutions, gymnasiums, markets and factories, other than those specifically exempted shall remain closed.
3. Central Government Offices shall operate as per the instructions of the Government of India. The officers and staff working in such offices shall be allowed to travel to their offices and back during this period on production of valid Government ID card.
4. Sikkim Manipal Medical College and Nursing College are allowed to conduct examination duly following COVID-19 protocol. Examiners and Students appearing for this exam shall be permitted to travel on production of valid ID card.
5. All activities/congregations/religious and social gatherings, movement of people and goods and passenger vehicles, including two-wheelers, shall be prohibited/restricted **except** for the following **exceptions**:

**A. FACTORIES AND PRODUCTION UNITS**

- i. **Factories, Industries, Production units** where in-house labour is available, shall be permitted to operate. Such units shall ensure that they provide accommodation to labour at one place so that movement from one place to another place is not required. Such units shall follow COVID advisory issued by Labour Department and Commerce and Industries Department from time to time.
- ii. **Temi-Tea Estate** shall be permitted to operate with 50% of staff duly maintaining COVID-19 protocol.
- iii. **Pharma companies** and all production units engage in production of medicines, medical equipments, oxygen, health and hygiene related products and allied sectors shall be permitted to operate.



**B. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES :-**

- iv. Construction activities pertaining to **Central and State Government schemes and projects** such as Sikkim Garib Awas Yogana (SGAY) etc shall be permitted with the labour available locally and at the site. Movement of vehicles carrying construction materials for such projects shall be permitted. Vehicles pass for such movement shall be issued by the respective District Collectors. One time movement of labour for such projects may also be permitted by respective District Collectors where the construction agencies have adequate facilities of COVID appropriate stay, sanitation and quarantine.
- v. **Private construction activities** where construction materials is available on site shall be permitted provided local labour force is used. No movement of labour from one place to another shall, however be allowed.

**C. AGRICULTURE AND MGNREGA RELATED WORKS :-**

- vi. **Agriculture activities** in villages where no COVID positive cases are detected shall be permitted.
- vii. **MGNREGA** works shall be permitted by concerned DCs on report of concerned BDOs in such wards where no COVID positive cases are detected.

**D. SHOPS, PROVISION STORES AND MOVEMENT OF COMMODITIES :-**

- viii. Inter-district & Inter-State Movement of people and vehicles including LCVs and other vehicles carrying **essential goods** (e.g. milk, food items, vegetables, animal feed, petroleum products, medical supplies, LPG etc) shall be allowed throughout the day. The police on duty shall seek guidance of concerned DM, SP or SDM in case they need any clarification in this regard.
- ix. **Medicine shops/petrol pumps** shall be allowed to remain open.
- x. **Milk vending shops, vegetable shops, rations shops, grocery and fair price shops** will be permitted to remain open from 7.00 AM up to 12.00 PM. Transportation of all such items from wholesalers to retailers and home delivery of all such essential items shall also be permitted.



- xviii. Movement of people and vehicles (including private vehicles and passenger vehicles) required in case of **medical emergency** including Covid-19 testing and vaccination. All relevant medical papers should be shown to the Police Officers on duty, on demand, to facilitate permission for such movement.
- xix. Movement of **passengers** boarding or returning from Pakyong Airport, Bagdogra Airport, NJP Railway Station on production of valid tickets. The condition of negative RT-PCR report conducted within 48 hours of arrival or alternatively, ten days of mandatory quarantine shall continue to apply to those entering the State.

F. **Extreme Emergencies:-**

- xx. In case of extreme emergency like funerals, concerned DCs may issue emergency permits to not more than 20 persons for conduct of last rites, duly ensuring COVID protocols.

6. **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.

By Order.



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### 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.

