



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
HOME DEPARTMENT
TASHILING, GANGTOK - 737101

No.58/Home/2021

Dated: 30/11/2021

ORDER

SUB: MEASURES FOR CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19

Whereas, the Guidelines for Containment of Covid-19 pandemic in the State have been reviewed;

And whereas, Union Home Secretary, Chairman, National Executive Committee has issued an Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 30th November, 2021, for compliance of containment measures for COVID-19, as conveyed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Department vide D.O. No. Z.28015/85/2021-DM Cell, dated 21st September, 2021.

Therefore, this Order along with the Guidelines attached as Annexure I is issued with the approval of the Chairperson, State Executive Committee in exercise of his powers conferred under section 22(2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, read with the order issued by Union Home Secretary as above, for strict implementation within the State of Sikkim with effect from **1st December, 2021 to 6 PM of 15th December, 2021.**

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



Encl: As above

(R. Telang, IAS)
Principal Secretary
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Government of Sikkim
File No. Home/Confdl/119/2020

**Guidelines for Containment of Covid-19
with effect from 1st December, 2021 to 15th December, 2021.
(Issued with Order No.58/Home/2021 dated.30/11/2021)**

1. Inter State Movement:

- i. All those persons who have received **one dose** of COVID-19 vaccine and **children below 18 years of age** shall be permitted to enter.
- ii. All those persons carrying negative RT PCR report conducted within 72 hours shall be permitted to enter. However, there shall be no checking at any of the check posts and free movement at check posts shall be ensured by police and other government agencies.
- iii. For all tourists entering the State of Sikkim, these requirements shall be verified by the concerned hotels where they are staying and the process shall be overseen by Tourism Department.
- iv. In case of labourers, the respective contractors shall ensure compliance.
- v. In case of labourers working in unorganized sector, Labour Department shall conduct sample checking while doing the mandatory registration.
- vi. There shall be no restriction on persons exiting the State through the check posts.
- vii. **In view of emergence of new variant of the SARS-Cov-2 (B.1.1.529) which has been classified as variant of concern by W.H.O, no ILP/RAP/PAP passes shall be issued to foreigners visiting Sikkim.**

2. Markets, Shops and Commercial Establishments:

- i. Pubs, Discotheques, Cinema Halls and other similar places of entertainment shall be allowed with 50% seating capacity. Casinos attached with Hotels shall be permitted to operate with 50% capacity.
- ii. Online Gaming, Lottery outlets shall function normally as per the existing rules notified by the concerned Department duly following the COVID-19 protocol.
- iii. All other licensed multi-brand showrooms, malls, shops including vehicle showrooms, auto garage, tyre repair shops shall function normally as per existing rules notified by controlling Department. The management shall ensure wearing of masks and strict adherence to Covid-19 protocol by all concerned.
- iv. Private commercial establishments, Operation of e-commerce and home delivery of products shall function normally duly following Covid-19 protocol.
- v. All restaurants, fast food centres, sweet shops, bakeries etc shall be allowed to function with 50 % of the seating capacity as per the existing norms duly following Covid-19 protocol. Home delivery of food items shall be permitted.
- vi. Gymnasiums, barber shops, spas, salons, parlors etc. shall be allowed to operate with 50 % capacity duly following Covid-19 protocol.
- vii. All hotels, home stays, guest houses etc shall be allowed to operate with 50% capacity with strict adherence to Covid-19 protocol.
- viii. Weekly closure of shops and other commercial establishments shall be as per existing notification issued by the concerned Department.
- ix. The licensing agencies like GMC, Excise Department, Tourism Department etc shall form teams in consultation with District Collectors and SPs to conduct surprise checking of all such establishments to ensure Covid-19 norms are being complied with. In case any establishment is found to be violating the existing Covid-19 norms, then the



- iii. In case of offices, the floor where the office of the infected person is located, shall be contained for 48 hours.
- iv. Within the demarcated Containment Zones, containment measures as prescribed by the MoHFW shall be scrupulously followed, as under:
 - a. Only essential activities shall be allowed in the Containment Zones.
 - b. 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 for maintaining supply of essential goods and services.
 - c. There shall be intensive house to house surveillance by surveillance teams formed for this purpose.
 - d. Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol. 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 contacts to be traced in 72 hours).
 - e. Concerned District Collectors, SPs, Municipal authorities and the Incident Commanders shall be personally liable for any instances of violation of containment measures. They shall ensure that the prescribed containment measures are strictly followed.

9. COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour:

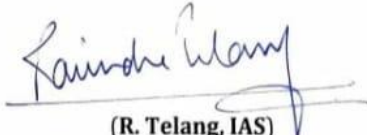
- i. District Authorities shall take all necessary measures to promote Covid-19 appropriate behaviour and ensure wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing.
- ii. The National Directives for Covid-19 Management, as specified in Annexure-II, shall be strictly followed throughout the State.

10. Penal Provisions:

- i. 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, which has been modified vide Notification No. 243/LR&DMD dated 16/07/2021 to enhance the fine for contravention of the provisions from Rs. 300 to Rs. 500 in urban areas, semi urban areas and bazaar areas.
- ii. In rural and sparsely populated areas, a fine of Rs. 200 for each violation shall be collected by the concerned BDO. In cases when the collection of fine is not possible then the offender may be handed over to nearest Police Station/Out Post to conduct further enquiry. The fine collected shall be deposited in the Gram Panchayat Development Fund.

By Order.




(R. Telang, IAS)

Pr. Secretary to the Government of Sikkim
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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.