



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
HOME DEPARTMENT
TASHILING, GANGTOK - 737101

No. 01/Home/2022

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ORDER

SUB: MEASURES FOR CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19

Whereas, the Guidelines for Containment of Covid-19 pandemic in the State have been reviewed in view of increasing trend of Covid infections across the country and amid detection of Omicron (designated as a VoC by the WHO) in many other states;

And whereas, Union Home Secretary, Chairman, National Executive Committee has issued an Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 27th December, 2021, for compliance of containment measures for COVID-19, as conveyed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Department vide D.O. No. Z.28015/31821-EMR, dated 21st December, 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 10th January, 2022 to 24th January, 2022.

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

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Principal Secretary
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Government of Sikkim

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Encl: As above



Guidelines for Containment of Covid-19
With effect from 10th January, 2022 to 24th January, 2022.
(Issued with Order No. 01/Home/2022 dated 09/01/2022)

1. Inter State Movement of persons and vehicles:

- i. All persons entering the State shall be required to produce a negative RTPCR report conducted within 72 hours prior to the date of entry. Additionally, the Health Department, Government of Sikkim shall also organize Rapid Antigen Test at all the check posts and Pakyong Airport.
 - a. Officials of Government of India on official tours, army personnel on duty, Officers of State Government on official tours and election duty shall be exempted from this requirement.
 - b. Driver/Conductor/Helper of commercial and passenger vehicles who commute daily, shall be exempted from the above requirement subject to Transport Department in consultation with Health Department organizing Rapid Antigen Test for all such individuals once in **7 days**.
 - c. Workers and officials engaged in Railway projects, Power projects etc. who commute daily across the State Border shall be exempted from this requirement provided the concerned agency engaging such workers shall ensure conducting RAT for such individuals once in **7 days**.
 - d. Labour Department shall conduct and ensure registration of all Labours entering the State duly fulfilling the requirement of negative RTPCR report conducted within 72 hours prior to date of entry.
 - e. Subject to general application of these guidelines, the workers, technicians engaged in various projects, pharmaceutical units etc. shall be permitted to enter by the concerned District Collector on case to case basis.
- ii. All foreigners including those from Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh who are already in India for more than seven (07) days shall be permitted entry into the State, on production of a negative RTPCR report conducted thereafter and within 72 hours prior to date of entry. Those foreign nationals who are visiting the State in connection with various project related works may be permitted by the concerned District Collector before 7 days period on case to case basis and with reasonable restrictions.
- iii. All Indian international travelers coming to the State are required to undergo **7 days** home quarantine and undertake RTPCR test on the 8th day of arrival in the country. Such travelers shall also be required to upload their results of RTPCR test conducted on 8th day on the Air Suvidha portal.
- iv. Movement of vehicles shall be allowed in the following matter:
 - a. Vehicles bearing registration number ending with **odd digit** shall be allowed to ply on days having odd dates.
 - b. Vehicles bearing registration number ending with **even digit** shall be allowed to ply on days having even dates.
 - c. This restriction shall not apply to commercial goods vehicles, vehicles engaged in essential services, security and Army vehicles, Government vehicles on official tours.
 - d. Registered luxury taxis shall also be exempted from this restriction.



2. Movement of vehicles within the State:

- a. Vehicles bearing registration number ending with odd digit shall be allowed to ply on days having odd dates.
- b. Vehicles bearing registration number ending with even digit shall be allowed to ply on days having even dates.
- c. This restriction shall not apply to commercial goods vehicles, vehicles engaged in essential services, security and Army vehicles, Government vehicles on official tours.
- d. Government vehicles on duty shall be allowed to ply for local transport during office hours from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. without odd even restrictions.

3. 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 with 50% capacity 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 shall function with 50% capacity. 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. All hotels to check the Aadhaar cards of Indian Nationals and Passport of foreign nationals at the entry point (Reception) of the respective hotels.
- vii. Gymnasiums, barber shops, spas, salons, parlors etc. shall be allowed to operate with 50% capacity duly following Covid-19 protocol.
- viii. All hotels, home stays, guest houses etc shall be allowed to operate with 50% capacity with strict adherence to Covid-19 protocol.
- ix. Weekly closure of shops and other commercial establishments shall be as per existing notification issued by the concerned Department.
- x. 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 concerned authorities shall ensure that the establishment is closed for a period of 7 days. Excise Department shall also focus on *gaddis* located in rural areas for strict compliance of Covid-19 norms.
- xi. All medicine shops, petrol pumps and gas agencies may remain open as per usual operational hours.

4. Factories and Pharmaceutical companies:

- i. All factories, production units, shall be allowed to operate with 100% manpower. The management shall ensure Covid-19 protocol is followed by all.
- ii. The guidelines issued by the Labour Department in this regard should be strictly followed by all.



5. Government Offices/PSUs:

- i. All State Government offices including PSUs, Boards, Corporations under the State Government shall work **with 50% attendance** with strict Covid-19 protocol. The Government offices shall continue to remain closed on all Saturdays.
- ii. Central Government offices shall continue to operate as per the instructions of Government of India.

6. Educational Institutions:

- i. All Educational Institution shall function as per the guidelines issued by Education Department and HRD Ministry Govt in this regard, duly observing COVID protocols.

7. Social, Political, Sports and Religious congregations:

- i. All social, political, religious and sports related gatherings **shall be prohibited**. Regular religious ceremonies within Temple, Gumpa, Church etc. shall be permitted duly ensuring strict observation of Covid-19 protocols.
- ii. All entertainment related gatherings like Picnic, Mela, Tambola etc. **shall be prohibited**. Permissions already issued in this regard shall stand withdrawn forthwith.
- iii. Number of persons for **marriage ceremony** shall be **restricted to 50**.
- iv. Number of persons for performing **funeral rites** shall be **restricted to 20**.

8. Relief Work and Medical Service:

- i. No person/organization shall undertake any distribution of relief materials or medicines relating to Covid-19 without the express permission of the concerned District Collector.
- ii. All the relief materials meant for beneficiaries in containment areas should be handed over to the concerned BDOs, who shall undertake distribution with strict observance of Covid-19 protocol.

9. Surveillance and Containment Zones:

- i. Containment Zones shall be carefully demarcated by the District Authorities duly defining the geographical boundaries. In case of rural areas, District Authorities shall demarcate micro containment zones covering only the residential building or cluster of houses where a positive case is detected.
- ii. In urban areas, micro containment zone shall be demarcated as per the assessment of the District Authorities covering cluster of houses or the floor of the building where a positive case is detected.
- 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.



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.

- 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.

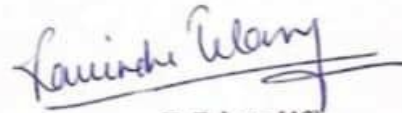
10. COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour:

- 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.

11. 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.



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