

Rev (DMC) (C) 20-2/2021 – COVID 19 – III
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Revenue Department – Disaster Management Cell

Shimla – 171002
Dated: 11th June, 2021

Order

Whereas, the Himachal Pradesh Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA), considered the unprecedented surge in COVID-19 cases, high positivity rate and fatalities and in order to break the transmission chain of COVID-19 virus, had imposed Corona Curfew in the State of Himachal Pradesh with effect from 6:00 am on 07.05.2021 (Friday) to 6:00 am on 17.05.2021 (Monday) vide Order dated 05.05.2021, which has been extended from time to time and vide Order dated 05.06.2021 was last extended till 6:00 am on 14.06.2021 (Monday) as an emergency measure;

And whereas, the situation of COVID-19 in the State has been reviewed and it is observed that, though the number of COVID-19 patients, daily mortality and positivity rate is declining and the situation is improving, however certain precautions and restrictions are still required to contain the spread.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 22(2)(h) and section 24 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned in the capacity of the Chairman (SEC), hereby extends “**Corona Curfew**” and orders following restrictions and relaxations across the State till further order, as indicated below:

- 1) The State will continue to observe “NO MASK – NO SERVICE” policy.
- 2) All markets/ shops etc. can open from 9 AM to 5 PM on Monday to Friday. However, they will remain closed on Saturdays and Sundays except for shops dealing with items of daily need such as fruits, vegetables, milk, milk products and other essential items which are allowed to open on Saturday & Sundays (from 9 AM to 5 PM). There shall be no restriction on the timings of pharmacies/chemist shops and they will remain open as per their normal operating hours. The shopkeepers and buyers shall ensure compliance with COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and safety protocols as per Health Department instructions.
- 3) All the stand-alone offices with strength of upto 4 employees shall remain open with full strength and other offices of Government Department/PSUs/ local bodies/ autonomous bodies including the H.P. Secretariat will operate with 50% attendance till further orders. The Head of Department/Head of



Offices shall take the decision on actual roaster as per their requirements. All offices shall ensure compliance of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and safety protocols in the work place by the employees as well as visitors. The employees with disability, pregnant women shall however be not asked to attend offices and continue to work from home. All employees not in roster shall be available on call at short notice if required by Head of Office. The Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh will issue separate orders with respect to office restrictions in Hon'ble High Court and all other judicial offices.

- 4) Medical colleges, Ayurvedic colleges & Dental Colleges will be allowed to re-open from 23.06.2021. Nursing & pharmacy colleges will be allowed to re-open from 28.06.2021. Detailed guidelines and SOPs in this regard will be issued by Health department. All other educational, training and coaching institutions etc. shall continue to remain closed till further orders.
- 5) All Social/ academic/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political and other congregations shall remain prohibited in the State till further orders. However, a maximum of 20 persons only will be allowed in gatherings related to marriages/ funerals irrespective of location/ venue.
- 6) Tourism units will be opened and operated as per the SOPs issued by the Department of Tourism from time to time and strict adherence to COVID-19 safety behavior will be ensured.
- 7) All Cinema Halls/ gymnasiums/ sports complexes/ swimming pools/ entertainment parks/ theatres & auditoriums/ assembly halls and similar places shall remain closed.
- 8) Hair cutting saloons/beauty parlours shall be allowed to open with strict adherence to COVID-19 safety behavior subject to guidelines to be issued by the respective District Administration.
- 9) Religious places/ places of worship shall remain closed for general public, however the daily rituals or pooja as per the tradition will continue to be performed.

Public Transport & Movement of Vehicles

- i. Inter-State movement of public transport buses/ contract/ stage carriages will remain prohibited.
- ii. All inter-state movement to the State will be monitored through registration in COVID E-Pass Software (<http://covid19epass.hp.gov.in>) to monitor

compliance with quarantine requirements and facilitate contact tracing of persons in the event of detection of COVID19 positive cases. All persons desirous of entering the State shall enter their particulars in this online software and details of their arrival will be shared with all concerned stakeholders. However, there shall be no requirement of prior negative report of the RTPCR test.

- iii. Inter-district & Intra-district movement of public transport buses (stage/ contract carriages) is now allowed to be operated with 50% of the registered seating capacity as per SOPs issued by the Department of Transport, Himachal Pradesh.
- iv. Private vehicles/autos/taxis may ply on roads only upto registered seating capacity subject to compliance of COVID-19 safety instructions.

General Directives for COVID-19 Management:

The following General Directives for COVID-19 Management shall be strictly followed throughout the State:

- i. Face coverings/ Masks: Wearing of face cover/ mask properly is compulsory in public places, in workplaces; and in public transport.
- ii. Physical distancing: Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places
- iii. Spitting in public place will be punishable with fine, as prescribed in accordance with laws, rules or regulations.
- iv. Consumption of paan, gutka, tobacco, and similar products in public place is prohibited.

Safety and Protection of vulnerable persons

The following categories of people are advised against outdoor movement. except for essential and health purposes.

- i. persons above 65 years of age
- ii. persons with co-morbidities
- iii. pregnant and lactating women
- iv. children below the age of 10 years

Penal provisions

Any person violating these lockdown measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and

COVID-19 Regulations 2020, besides legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable and HP Police Act, 2007 Section III read with Section 114 & 115.

This Order will come into effect from 6 AM on 14.06.2021 and shall remain in force till further order.

Approved by

**Chief Secretary cum Chairperson,
State Executive Committee, Himachal Pradesh.**

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
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3. All the Head of Departments, Himachal Pradesh.
4. All the Divisional Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
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**Principal Secretary (Revenue) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.**