

GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM HOME DEPARTMENT TASHILING, GANGTOK - 737101

No. 06/Home/2022

Dated: 10/02/2022

<u>ORDER</u>

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 the fact that Covid-19 cases in the State are on the decline;

And whereas, Union Home Secretary, Chairman, National Executive Committee has issued an Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 27thJanuary, 2022, 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 21stDecember, 2021;

Therefore, this Order along with the Guidelines attached as Annexure I, 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 11/02/2022 and till further orders.

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/119/2022/P-III

Encl: As above

Guidelines for Containment of Covid-19 With effect from 11th February, 2022 and till further orders. (Issued with Order No. 06/Home/2022 dated 10/02/2022)

1. Withdrawal of restrictions:

i. The following restrictions imposed vide Order No. 05/Home/2022 dated 24/01/2022 are hereby withdrawn:

- **a.** There shall be no restrictions on inter State movement of persons and vehicles. Accordingly, requirement of production of RTPCR Negative reports at Check Posts stands withdrawn.
- b. There shall be no restrictions on movement of vehicles within the State and odd/even restrictions and restriction on pillion riders stands withdrawn.
- **c.** Markets, shops and commercial establishments shall function normally duly following Covid-19 protocols.
- d. All State Government offices including PSUs, Boards, Corporations under the State Government shall function with 100% attendance with adherence to strict Covid-19 protocol.
- e. Central Government offices shall continue to operate as per the instructions of Government of India.
- **f.** All Educational Institutions shall function as per the guidelines issued by Education Department and HRD Ministry, GoI in this regard, duly observing COVID protocols.
- g. There shall be no restrictions on social, political, religious and sports related gatherings. However, national directives for Covid-19 management like wearing of masks and social distancing norms shall be strictly observed.

2. Surveillance and Containment Zones:

- i. Micro Containment Zones shall be carefully demarcated by the District Authorities duly defining the geographical boundaries.
- ii. Within the demarcated Micro Containment Zones, containment measures as prescribed by the MoHFW shall be scrupulously followed.

3. 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.



4. Penal Provisions:

 Any person violating 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.

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(**R. Telang, IAS**) Pr. Secretary to the Government of Sikkim Home Department File No. Home/Confdl/119/2022/P-III

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.