

PROHIBITORY ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 Cr. P.C.

Dated Jowai, the 10th May, 2021.

WHEREAS, there is a surge in the number of COVID-19 cases in many States of the Country with the possibility of the emergence of new strains requiring immediate steps to be taken to contain the spread of the virus in the State; and

WHEREAS, to put in place preventive measures and awareness, to identify and take stringent steps to ensure social distancing so the pandemic of COVID-19 does not spread to West Jaintia Hills District and Meghalaya, by way of rigorous contact tracing, testing, quarantine, isolation and ensuring observance of strict protocols of the Advisories issued by Government of Meghalaya in the Health & Family Welfare Department from time to time;

NOW, THEREFORE, in partial modification to Prohibitory Order No. GEN.253/ COVID-19/2021/54, Dated Jowai, the 9th May, 2021, I Shri. Garod L.S.N. Dykes, IAS, District Magistrate, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under section 144 Cr. P.C. read together with Regulation 3 of the Meghalaya Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations 2020 do hereby **PROHIBIT as under with immediate effect and until further Orders in the entire of West Jaintia Hills District.**

1. Any assembly whatsoever and while enforcing this, every individual to mandatorily maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet, wearing of masks, respiratory etiquette and to strictly follow without fail the various protocols and advisories of the Government in the Health & Family Welfare Department at all times.
2. Political, Public, Social and Religious Gatherings including Conferences, Meetings and Trainings are not permitted.
3. International Border Trade at Tamabil shall be suspended.
4. Vehicles transporting Whole Sale Vegetables are not allowed to enter the Markets in Jowai Town. Such vehicles shall download the goods at Ialong Lay Bye Market which has been activated.
5. All Educational Institutions in Jowai Town shall remain closed.
6. The Dorbar Shnong and School Managing Committees in Rural Areas in consultation with Health Officials are authorised to close the School if the need arises with intimation to the District School Education Officer, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai and this Office.
7. Inter-State movement of persons shall continue to be restricted. This shall not apply for transit vehicles of Assam/Tripura/Manipur/ Mizoram. All Transit Vehicles shall not be permitted to park in any inhabited Villages along the National Highway NH-06 (old name NH-44) under the jurisdiction of West Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya.
8. Entry of tourists from outside the State and from containment areas of the State and District shall not be permitted and all tourist spots shall remain closed.
9. Sport activities are not permitted.
10. Movement in public, work places, Shops and during transport without wearing of Masks. **(Any violation shall attract a fine up to Rs. 1000)**

General Instructions

In addition to the Prohibition listed above, the public shall strictly comply without fail to the measures listed below:-

1. Registration in the Meghalaya COVID-19 portal is mandatory for all returnees from outside Meghalaya on return to West Jaintia Hills District including residents (<http://meghalayaonline.gov.in/covid/login.htm>). This is also applicable for persons/returnees entering the State through Saphai, Tichwich (Sahsniang) Mukroh and Khanduli. Any person(s)/returnees found entering their villages without completing the test or without informing the concerned Headman/Authorities in advance will be viewed seriously and necessary action will be taken against them as per law.
2. Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet/ 2 metres in public places.
3. Shops, Restaurants and Bars in West Jaintia Hills District to close by 6.00 PM.
4. To ensure maintenance of COVID Appropriate Behaviour by residents
5. All Hotels to insiat for COVID Negative Certificate for those tourists arriving from outside the State.
6. Public transport to ensure 50 % of the seating capacity and mandatory wearing of Face Masks. Strict action shall be taken against violators.
7. Places of worship shall remain closed except for wedding ceremony subject to a ceiling of 20 persons with prior permission from the Deputy Commissioner/Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Amlarem.
8. Funeral/last rites related gathering are permitted subject to ceiling of 20 persons and mandatory wearing of face masks. Bereaved family is requested to maintain a Register showing Name, Address and Mobile number of visitors.



9. Illegal Hawkers/vendors are not allowed in the public footpath and road side which obstructs movement of people in Jowai Town.

10. Operation of lawthymme Market, Lad Stadium, Ladthalaboh, Jowai / lawmusiang Pohiaw/ law Chor (CNI Market) / Sein Rajj Market lawmusiang, Jowai / lawchyiap (JPC Market) Chutwakhu, Jowai and weekly markets at lawpynsin (Wahiajer) lawmuchai (Shangpung), law Raliang, law Khanduli, law Namdong, law Muksoo (Mookaiaw), law Sahnsiang and lawthymme (Saphai) are permitted to open with effect from 11th May, 2021 from 8.00 AM to 6.00 PM with the following conditions and regulations:-

- (i) The Secretary Market Committees to activate and make functional the Market Committees.
- (ii) Compulsory Registration of Shops. Only shops which has been registered with the respective Market Committees are allowed to open.
- (iii) Selling of any kind of items is not allowed in the footpaths.
- (iv) To appoint sufficient number of Officials/ Staff/ Volunteers to implement mandatory wearing of Masks and physical distancing
- (v) Category of shops to open:-
 - (a) Even Number : Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
 - (b) Odd Number : Tuesday and Thursday.
- (vi) The respective Dorbar Shnong in West Jaintia Hills are encouraged to open small markets in their localities with strict regulations and conditions regarding appropriate COVID-19 behaviour.
- (vii) Only eateries and saloons are allowed to entertain customers inside their shop. The number of customers inside the shop should not be more than 50 % of the seating capacity.
- (viii) It is mandatory for all shopkeepers except eateries to create a barricade/boundary so as to ensure that customers do not enter their shops.
- (ix) It is mandatory for all shopkeepers to provide Hand Sanitizers, Wash Basin and ensure maintenance of 6 feet distance among customers standing in queue as well as staff members inside the shop.
- (x) All shopkeepers should not entertain any customer who doesn't wear a mask.
- (xi) **Note: Failure to strictly regulate and implement the direction above shall result to closure of the shop/market without prior notice.**

11. Shops for essential items and Hardware in Ummulong, lalong, Pasyih and 8th Mile on the National Highway- 06 (Old name NH-44) are allowed to open from Monday to Friday between 8.00 AM to 6.00 PM. The respective CCMC to strictly follow COVID-19 Behaviour using Odd/Even number for effective implementation of social distancing.

Note: Failure to strictly regulate and implement the direction above shall result to closure of the shop/market without prior notice.

12. Operation of Whole Sales of Vegetables at Lay Bye Market lalong. The lalong Lay Bye Market Committee shall lay down rules and regulations for implementing appropriate COVID-19 behaviour change.

13. State Govt. Offices shall function with limited staff as per this Office Order No. Estt.60/ORDER/2012/135, Dt. 30.04.2021. (copy attached).

14. For Medical Emergency and Inter-District Transportation of Essential Goods, the citizens are advised to apply for the 'EPASS' from the District portal : megedistrict.gov.in

15. It is advised that, unless absolutely necessary movement of persons to Jowai Town and State Capital, Shillong should not be undertaken.

It is observed that SOPs are not being followed strictly by all citizens. It may be noted that any complacency will lead to a surge in COVID-19 cases. Citizens are advised to exercise caution, follow all protocols and adhere to the SOPs to ensure that the State does not see a resurgence in cases.

Violation of any advisory is an offence punishable with fine under Section 51(b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005

In view of the urgency of the matter, this Order has been made ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th May, 2021.



(Garod / S.N. Dykes, IAS)
District Magistrate
West Jaintia Hills District
Jowai