



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
HOME DEPARTMENT  
TASHILING SECRETARIAT  
GANGTOK

No. 22/Home/2021

Dated: 22/05/2021

ORDER

**SUB: MEASURES 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 the average positivity rate for Covid-19 cases in the State continues to be more than 20%.

Whereas, it is felt that restrictions on the movement of people which are in force, need to be extended for one more week;

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 for strict implementation within the State of Sikkim.

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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Encl: As above

Guidelines for Containment of Covid-19

(Issued with Order No.22/Home/2021 dated 22/05/2021)

1. Period of complete lockdown imposed till 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 is hereby extended till 5.00 am on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2021.
2. All State Government offices, private commercial establishments, institutions, gymnasiums, markets and factories, other than those engaged in production of medicines, medical equipment, oxygen, health and hygiene care products and allied sectors shall remain closed.
3. Temi-Tea Estate shall be permitted to operate with 50% of staff duly maintaining COVID-19 protocol.
4. Central Government Offices shall operate as per the instructions of the Government of India. The officers and staff working in such offices shall be allowed to travel to their offices and back during this period on production of valid Government ID card.
5. Sikkim Manipal Medical College is allowed to conduct examination duly following COVID-19 protocol. Examiners and Students appearing for this exam shall be permitted to travel on production of valid ID card.
6. All activities/congregations/religious and social gatherings, movement of people and goods and passenger vehicles, including two-wheelers, shall be prohibited/restricted **except** for the following **exceptions**:
  - i. Inter-district & Inter-State Movement of people and vehicles including passenger vehicles required for essential goods (e.g. milk, food items, vegetables, animal feed, petroleum products, medical supplies, LPG) shall be allowed. The police on duty shall seek guidance of concerned DM, SP or SDM in case they need any clarification in this regard.
  - ii. Medicine shops/petrol pumps shall be allowed to remain open.
  - iii. Milk vending shops, vegetable shops, rations shops and fair price shops will be permitted to remain open from 8.00 AM up to 11.00 AM.



- iv. Loading/unloading of all food items, vegetables, milk etc. shall be permitted from 5.00 AM to 8.00 AM. Transportation of all such items from wholesalers to retailers in commercial goods vehicles shall also be permitted between 5.00 AM to 8.00 AM.
- v. Movement of people and vehicles required for maintenance of all essential services, for example hospitals, veterinary services, telecom, banks, insurance companies, power supply, sanitation and waste management, water supply, urban services, post offices, social security institutions like old age home, Press and media etc. shall be allowed.
- vi. Concerned officials/persons should, at all times, carry with them, and present for inspection on demand, the deployment letter or valid ID Card to the Police Personnel on duty. Such movement should be confined to the normal working hours for such services.
- vii. Movement of people and vehicles relating to emergency services including law and order, fire, relief and rescue, hospitals, wildlife and forest management, Covid-19 management, quarantine centres, testing and vaccination related activities, Government officials on emergency duty, army and para military forces GREF, NHIDCL shall be allowed.
- viii. Movement of officials on duty including Head of Departments, Drawing and Disbursing Officer, Pay and Accounts Officials, Judicial officers and staff shall also be permitted on production of valid ID Card.
- ix. Movement of people and vehicles (including private vehicles and passenger vehicles) required in case of medical emergency including Covid-19 testing and vaccination. All relevant medical papers should be shown to the Police Officers on duty, on demand, to facilitate permission for such movement.
- x. MGNREGA works shall be permitted by concerned DCs on report of concerned BDOs in such wards where no COVID positive cases are detected.



- xi. Movement of passengers boarding or returning from Pakyong Airport, Bagdogra Airport, NJP Railway Station on production of valid tickets. The condition of negative RT-PCR report conducted within 48 hours of arrival or alternatively, ten days of mandatory quarantine shall continue to apply to those entering the State.
- xii. Movement of goods carrier vehicles of pharma companies shall be allowed. Concerned DMs shall regulate this.
- xiii. In case of extreme emergency like funerals concerned DCs may issue emergency permits to not more than 20 persons for conduct of last rites, duly ensuring COVID protocols.

#### 7. Penal Provisions:-

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, 2020.

This shall supersede all earlier Orders on the subject.

By Order.



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