

#### GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM HOME DEPARTMENT TASHILING SECRETARIAT GANGTOK

No. 26/Home/2021

Dated: 11/06/2021

#### **ORDER**

# SUB: MEASURES CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19

Whereas, restrictions on movement of people and various other measures for containment of Covid-19 are in force vide Order No. 24/Home/2021 dated 29/05/2021 and Order No. 25/Home/2021 dated 06/06/2021, till 14th June, 2021;

And whereas, on review of the current situation in the State and after careful consideration, it has been decided to revise the existing Guidelines with certain relaxations;

Therefore, this Order is issued along with the Guidelines at Annexure-I for strict implementation and compliance within the State of Sikkim with effect from 14/06/2021 till 21/06/2021. This has the approval of Chairperson, State Executive Committee under section 22(2)(h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

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

DEPARTAMENTO OF STRKIM, GANGO

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Encl: As above.

# **Guidelines for Containment of COVID-19**

(Issued with Order No. 26/Home/2021 dated 11/06/2021)

These Guidelines shall be effective from 14/06/2021 till 5 AM of 21/06/2021.

## 1. Inter-State movement of Persons and Vehicles:

- Inter-State movement of passenger vehicles, including private and government vehicles shall continue to remain restricted. This shall not apply to movement of Army and security personnel vehicles, Central and State Government officials on duty.
- ii. Inter-State movement of all commercial goods vehicle shall be permitted.
- iii. Movement of passengers boarding or returning from Pakyong Airport, Bagdogra Airport, NJP Railway Station shall be allowed to enter or exit the State on production of valid tickets.
- iv. In case of exceptional emergencies like death in the family, medical emergency etc, Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of the area where the check-post is located shall issue entry permission on case to case basis. In case of Melli Checkpost, BDO Sumbuk shall issue such permissions.
- v. The condition of negative RT-PCR report conducted within 72 hours of arrival or alternatively, ten days of mandatory quarantine shall continue to apply to those entering the State.

# 2. Inter-District movement of Persons and Vehicles:

- The inter-district movement of persons, passenger vehicles, private vehicles and Government Vehicles shall remain prohibited.
- ii. The above restriction shall not apply to movement of Army and security personnel vehicles, all commercial goods vehicles, including hardware and construction materials, petroleum products, Health Department, Police and Fire Services vehicles as well as for medical emergencies.

# 3. Intra-District (i.e. within district) movement of Persons and Vehicles:

## a. Taxis/Private Vehicles:

Movement of both taxi and private vehicles, including two-wheelers within the district shall be allowed in the following manner:

 Vehicles bearing registration number ending with <u>odd digit</u> shall be allowed to ply on days having <u>odd dates</u>.

ii. Vehicles bearing registration number ending with <u>even digit</u> shall be allowed to ply on days having <u>even dates</u>.

iii. Two wheelers shall be allowed to ply without pillion rider with odd even stipulations as indicated at Sl. (a) (i) and (ii) above.

#### b. Government Vehicles:

Government Vehicles on duty shall be allowed to ply for <u>local transport</u> during office hours (9.00 AM to 5.30 PM only) <u>without</u> odd-even restrictions.

#### c. Commercial Goods vehicles:

The odd even restriction shall not apply to trucks and LCVs carrying essential and Commercial goods vehicles.

#### 4. Markets and Commercial Establishments and Activities:

- i. All licensed **stand-alone shops** including vehicle showrooms, auto garages, tire repair shops (<u>except</u> shops in shopping complexes and multi-brand and single brand malls) shall be permitted to operate till 5 PM. The management shall ensure wearing of masks and strict adherence to other Covid-19 protocol by all concerned. Weekly closure of shops shall be as per the existing Notifications/ Orders issued by relevant authorities.
- ii. Private commercial establishments shall be allowed to operate with 50% staff strength. Operation of E-Commerce and home delivery of products shall also be allowed till 5 PM.
- iii. All gymnasiums, barber shops, spas, salons, parlours etc. shall be allowed to operate till 5 PM with 50% capacity, duly following Covid-19 protocol.
- iv. All restaurants, fast food centres, sweet shops, bakeries etc. shall be allowed to operate up to 8 PM with 50% of the seating capacity, duly following Covid-19 protocol by all concerned. Home delivery of food items shall be permitted till 8.00 pm.
- v. All cinema halls, discotheques, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres and similar places shall continue to remain closed.
- vi. Private construction activities shall be allowed with local labourers.
- vii. MGNREGA works shall be permitted by concerned DM on report of concerned BDO in such wards where no fresh Covid-19 cases are detected.
- viii. All agricultural/horticultural activities shall be permitted.
- ix. Courier and home delivery services will be allowed upto 5 pm.

### 5. Factories and Pharmaceutical Companies:

- All Pharmaceutical companies shall be allowed to carry operations with 100% staff duly following Covid-19 protocol. Other factories and production units shall operate with 50% staff strength.
- ii. The guidelines issued by the Labour Department in this regard shall be strictly adhered to.

#### 6. Government Offices/PSUs:

- i. All State Government Offices including PSUs, Boards, Corporations under the State Government, shall now operate with 50% staff strength. The Offices shall continue to remain closed on all Saturdays and Sundays.
- The Central Government offices shall continue to operate as per the instructions of Gol.

## 7. Social Gatherings/Congregations:

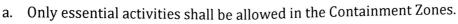
- i. All social activities/congregations, religious and political gatherings shall remain restricted.
- ii. In case of extreme emergencies, like funerals, concerned DM may issue emergency permit to not more than 20 persons for conduct of last rites duly ensure Covid-19 protocol.

## 8. Night Curfew:

i. There shall be complete restriction on movement of vehicles and persons between 9.00 PM till 6.00 AM every day, except for emergency purposes. Movement of commercial goods vehicles and loading and unloading of goods shall be allowed during the curfew period.

# 9. Surveillance and Containment Zones:

- i. Containment Zones shall be carefully demarcated by the District Authorities, at the micro level, taking into consideration the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in this on the websites. The list of Containment Zones will be notified by the respective District Collectors. This list will also be shared with MoHFW on a regular basis.
- ii. Within the demarcated Containment Zones, containment measures as prescribed by the MoHFW shall be scrupulously followed, as under:



- 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.
- 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. It shall be the responsibility of local district, police and municipal authorities to ensure that the prescribed containment measures are strictly followed.

### 10. Protection of vulnerable persons:

Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home, except for meeting essential requirements and for health purposes, as per the National Directives.

## 11. 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.

#### 12. 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.

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Annexure-II

## **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 wil 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.