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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No. RD 158 TNR 2020

Karnataka Government Secretariat,
Vidhana Soudha,
Bengaluru, dated:20-04-2021

ORDER

Whereas, there has been steep spike in the number of COVID 19 cases in the State during the last 2 weeks and the State Government is taking all possible measures to contain the same. The situation warrants taking stringent containment measures to arrest the spread of COVID 19 in the State.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under the Section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in the capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee, **hereby issues guidelines to contain COVID 19 transmission in the State, annexed as Annexure I, which shall come into effect from 9 pm on 21-04-2021 and will be in force including and upto 6:00 am of 04-05-2021**, for strict implementation by Chief Commissioner BBMP, Police Commissioners, District Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, and other Heads of Departments and Authorities.

This order supersedes all other previous orders issued pertaining to similar matter.

(P Ravi Kumar)
Chief Secretary and Chairman,
State Executive Committee

Annexure I**Guidelines to contain COVID 19 transmission in the state**
(Order No. RD 158 TNR 2020, dated 20-04-2021)

The guidelines shall continue to remain in force from 9 pm of 21th April 2021 upto 6 am of 4th May 2021.

1	Night Curfew	Night Curfew is imposed on the entire State from 9 pm to 6 am as per the guidelines annexed as Annexure IA.
2	Weekend curfew	There shall be weekend curfew from Friday 9 pm to Monday 6 am as per the guidelines annexed as Annexure IB.
3	Prohibited activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Schools, colleges, educational/ training/ coaching institutions etc. will remain closed. Online/ distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged. b. All cinema halls, shopping malls, gymnasiums, yoga centers, spas, sports complexes, stadia, swimming pools, entertainment/amusement parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places. c. Swimming pools approved by Swimming Federation of India to be opened for sports persons for training purpose only. d. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious gathering/ other gatherings and large congregations. e. Stadia and playground are allowed for organizing sports events and practising purpose, without spectators. f. All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for public. However, all personnel engaged in the service of the place of worship shall continue to perform their rituals and duties without involving any visitors. g. Restaurant and eateries permitted to operate and only take home (parcel) is allowed.

4	Construction activities	<p>a. All construction activities, civil repair activities are permitted.</p> <p>b. Works pertaining to pre-monsoon preparation are permitted.</p> <p>c. All the above activities shall be permitted by strictly adhering to Covid appropriate behavior (CAB) as stipulated in the National Directives for COVID 19 management.</p>
5	Industries/Industrial establishments	<p>All Industries/Industrial Establishments/ production units are permitted to operate adhering to Covid appropriate behavior. The movement of staff shall be allowed by producing valid ID/authorization issued by concerned industries/industrial establishment.</p>
6	Commercial and private establishments	<p>a. Shops, including ration shops (PDS), dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder are permitted.</p> <p>b. Wholesale vegetable/fruit/flower markets shall be permitted to operate from open space/playgrounds strictly adhering to Covid appropriate behavior. The shifting process shall be completed by 23rd April.</p> <p>c. Restaurants and eateries permitted only for take away.</p> <p>d. Lodging Hotels are permitted with services for guests only.</p> <p>e. Standalone liquor shops and outlets/Bars and Restaurants are permitted for take away only.</p> <p>f. All food processing and related industries are permitted to operate.</p> <p>g. Banks, insurance offices and ATM are permitted.</p> <p>h. Print and electronic media permitted.</p> <p>i. Delivery of all items through E-Commerce permitted.</p> <p>j. Capital and debt market services and notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India are permitted.</p> <p>k. Cold storage and warehousing services permitted.</p> <p>l. Private security services permitted.</p>

		<p>m. Barber shops/Salon/Beauty Parlours permitted with strictly adhering to Covid appropriate behaviour and guidelines issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department</p> <p>All establishments, wherever possible, should encourage employees to work from home.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Functioning of Government and Private Offices/organizations/ Companies outside containment zone</p>	<p>a) All private offices/ organizations/ institutions/companies shall be allowed to function with minimal strength as far as possible. As far as possible work from home should be encouraged.</p> <p>b) Only essential employees/staff of IT and ITeS companies shall work from office. Rest will work from home.</p> <p>c) All telecom and internet service providers and companies offering allied services to telecom and internet services providers are permitted to operate 24/7 with unrestricted movement of personnel and vehicles.</p> <p>d) All Government Offices/ Autonomous Bodies/ Public Corporations, etc, shall function with 50% strength and the rest 50% of the staff shall be deployed for COVID 19 containment and management purpose. However, the Departments dealing with essential and emergency services shall function in full capacity as per the guidelines to be issued by DPAR.</p> <p>e) Courts and Offices related to judicial work shall operate as per the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble High Court.</p> <p>f) All Offices of the Government of India, its Autonomous/ Subordinate Offices, Defence, Emergency and Essential Services, and Public Corporations shall operate as per the guidelines issued by the concerned departments.</p> <p>g) Petrol/Diesel pumps, gas stations shall be fully operational.</p>

8	Inter-State and Intra-State Movement	There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods. No separate permission/approval/e-permit will be required for such movements. However, people coming from other states shall strictly adhere to the prevailing Guidelines/SOPs issued by Department of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Karnataka.
9	Movement of people	<p>Movement of people is permitted.</p> <p>a. Movement of people through Public transport (Metro, KSRTC, BMTC, NEKSRTC, NWSRTC, Private Buses, Trains, Taxis including cab aggregators (4 wheelers), Auto Rickshaw, etc, is permitted adhering to COVID appropriate behaviour.</p> <p>b. Number of people traveling in buses, maxicabs, tempo travellers and metro shall be 50% of the seating capacity and other vehicles shall be as per the seating capacity stipulated by the RTO.</p> <p>c. Unnecessary travel through private vehicle should be avoided.</p>
10	Movement of goods	There shall be unrestricted movement of all types of goods and cargo.
11	Agriculture and allied activities outside containment zone	All agriculture and allied activities are permitted outside containment zones.
12	Health Services	All health Services (including AYUSH and Veterinary Hospitals) including pharmacies to remain fully functional outside containment zones.
13	Marriages	Marriages permitted strictly adhering to COVID 19 Appropriate behavior (CAB) with maximum of 50 people.
14	Cremation/Funeral	Cremation/Funerals to be allowed with maximum of 20 people.

15. COVID Appropriate Behavior

- a) BBMP and District & Local Authorities shall take all necessary measures to promote COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. Strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing must be ensured.

- b) Wearing of face masks is an essential preventive measure. In order to enforce this core requirement, BBMP, District Authorities and Local Authorities shall impose fine of Rs.250 in Municipal Corporation Areas and Rs.100 in other areas for not wearing face cover as required.
- c) Observance of social distancing in crowded places, especially in markets, bazaars and public transport, is also critical for containing the spread of the infection. SOP issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Department of Health and Family Welfare to regulate crowds in market places, shall be strictly enforced by BBMP, District and Local Authorities.
- d) SOPS for regulating travel in aircrafts, trains and metro rails are already in place, which shall be strictly enforced.
- e) The National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in **Annexure II**, shall be strictly followed throughout the State.

15. Strict enforcement of the guidelines

- a) Chief Commissioner BBMP/Deputy Commissioners shall strictly enforce the above measures. For the enforcement of social distancing, Commissioners of Police/Deputy Commissioners may, use the provisions of Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) of 1973.
- b) Any person violating these measures 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 Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable. Extracts of these penal provisions are at **Annexure III**.

(P Ravi Kumar)
Chief Secretary and Chairman,
State Executive Committee

Annexure IA

Guidelines for night curfew

1. The movement of individuals shall remain strictly prohibited between 09.00 pm to 6.00 am, except for essential activities.
2. Patients and their attendants/persons requiring emergency need for movement shall be allowed to move.

3. All industries/companies which require operations at night shall be permitted to operate. Movement of employees of such organizations shall be allowed on producing valid ID card/authorization issued by their respective Organization/Institution.
4. Employees and vehicles of Telecom and Internet Service providers. shall be allowed movement on producing valid ID card issued by their respective organization/institution. Only essential staff/employees of of IT and ITeS companies /organization shall work from office. Rest will work from home.
5. Medical, emergency and essential services including pharmacies shall be fully functional and other commercial activities are prohibited.
6. There shall be no restriction in movement of all types of goods through trucks, goods vehicles or any goods carriers, including empty vehicles. Home delivery of goods and operations of E-Commerce companies are allowed.
7. Movement of long distance night bus services, trains, and air travel are permitted. Movement of Public Transport, private vehicles and taxis (including cabs by aggregators) to and from airports, railway stations and bus terminals/stops/stands are allowed, for facilitating movement of passengers by air, rail and road. The movement will be allowed only on displaying valid travel documents/tickets.

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Annexure IB

Guidelines for weekend curfew

Movement of individuals shall remain strictly prohibited between Friday 9 pm to Monday 6 am, except for essential and emergency activities as mentioned below:

1. All State and Central Government offices and their Autonomous Bodies, Corporations, etc, dealing with emergency, essential services and COVID 19 containment and management duties shall be fully functional and officers/personnel of the same shall be allowed unrestricted movement.
2. All Industries/Companies/Organizations dealing with emergency and essential services and requiring operations 24/7 shall be permitted to operate. Movement of employees of such organizations shall be allowed on producing valid ID card issued by their respective Organization/Institution.

However, to the extent possible, employees should be encouraged to work from home.

3. Employees and vehicles of Telecom and Internet Service providers shall be allowed movement on producing valid ID card issued by their respective organization/institution. Only essential staff/employees of IT and ITeS companies /organization shall work from office. Rest will work from home.
4. Patients and their attendants/persons requiring emergency need, eligible people intending to take vaccination shall be allowed movement with minimal proof.
5. Only neighbourhood shops dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish allowed to function from 6 am to 10 am. Home delivery of essential items shall be encouraged to minimize movement of individuals outside their homes. Operations shall be subject to adhering to COVID 19 appropriate behavior.
6. Restaurant and eateries shall be allowed only for take away and home delivery.
7. Movement of long distance bus services, trains, and air travel are permitted. Movement of Public Transport, private vehicles and taxis (including cabs by aggregators) to and from airports, railway stations and bus terminals/stops/stands is allowed for facilitating movement of passengers by air, rail and road. The movement will be allowed only on displaying valid travel documents/tickets and strictly adhering to COVID appropriate behavior.
8. Marriages permitted strictly adhering to COVID 19 appropriate behaviour with maximum of 50 people.
9. Cremation/funerals to be allowed strictly adhering to COVID 19 appropriate with maximum of 20 people.
10. All cinema halls, shopping malls, gymnasiums, sports complexes, stadia, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places shall be closed.
11. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious gathering/ other gatherings and large congregations are prohibited.

12. All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for public. However, all personnel engaged in the service of the place of worship shall continue to perform their rituals and duties without involving any visitors.
13. No construction activity is permitted.

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Annexure II

National Directives for COVID-19 Management

- 1. Face Covering:** Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places; in work places; and during transport.
- 2. Social distancing:** Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet (2 gaz ki doori) in public places.
Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers.
- 3. Spitting in public places** will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations by the local authorities.

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 & commercial establishments.
- 6. Screening & hygiene:** Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash or sanitizer will be made at all entry points and hand wash or sanitizer at exit points and common areas.
- 7. Frequent sanitization** of entire work place, 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 and other staff.

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