



NHMHP-IDSP/1/2020-IDSP- 20538  
National Health Mission  
Himachal Pradesh

Dated: Shimla-9, the



**ORDER**

Whereas, the whole country and the State of Himachal Pradesh is currently witnessing unprecedented surge in the number of COVID-19 cases. The number of cases and the number of deaths due to COVID-19 has surpassed the highest number recorded in the first wave of pandemic witnessed by the State;

Whereas, keeping in view the exigent circumstances, it is imperative to take all necessary measures for the containment of the disease and limit its spread in the State of Himachal Pradesh by undertaking concerted efforts for the implementation of 'test, track and treat' strategy;

Whereas, in the current wave of the epidemic, some States are affected more by the disease and are showing rampant transmission in terms of daily numbers of cases being reported. Since, there is no restriction on the inter-state movement of people, there is a potential for import of virus into the State by the persons coming from such 'hotspots'. These persons need to be aggressively tracked to ensure that they do not transmit the disease to other people after coming back into the State;

Whereas, the State has already issued detailed guidelines for home quarantine of contacts of suspect or confirmed cases of COVID-19 and vide Order no. Rev(DMC)(F)4-2/2000/SEC dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (copy enclosed), the Disaster Management Cell, Government of Himachal Pradesh has issued directions to all the District Magistrates, Heads of Urban Local Bodies/all Councilors, Pradhans of all Gram Panchayats/Ward Members in the State for effective monitoring and strict observance of quarantine requirements and vide the latest order bearing no. Rev (DMC)(C) 20-2/2021-COVID 19-III dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021, directions have been issued to implement various provisions with the support of PRIs and ULBs;

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by the 'Himachal Pradesh Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020' vide notification no. HEW-A-A (3)/2020 dated 14-03-2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, the following directions are being issued:

1. Movement of individuals shall remain strictly prohibited between 10 PM to 5 AM in the Districts of Sirmour, Solan, Una and Kangra, except for essential activities. District Magistrate shall issue orders in their respective areas of jurisdiction under appropriate provisions of law for this Corona Curfew, such as under Section 144 CrPC and ensure strict compliance.
2. The District Magistrate shall constitute Task Forces for the enforcement of the SOPs for the organization of permitted gatherings at the local level. These task Forces shall be empowered to initiate action against the persons who are found violating the guidelines and SOPs issued by the State Government from time to time.
3. All inter-state movement into the State shall be monitored through registration in COVID e-pass software to monitor compliance with the quarantine requirements and facilitate contact tracing of persons in event of detection of COVID-19 positive cases. All persons desirous of entering the State shall register themselves on this online software and details of their arrival will be shared with all concerned for the purpose of quarantine requirement and contact tracing. However, there shall be no monitoring of the inter-district and intra-district movement, except that from or into a containment zone.
4. All the returnees from the 'hotspots' shall be treated as 'high risk contacts' and shall be subjected to the protocol of home/institutional quarantine for a period of 14 days since entry into the State or earlier if he/she is tested negative for COVID-19 on the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> day after entry. The provisions of order bearing no. NHMHP-IDSP/1/2020-IDSP-Section-Part(2)-7156 dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 shall stand amended to that effect. For the purpose of definition of 'hotspot', the list of the States as mentioned at Sr. No. 7 in the Order bearing no. Rev (DMC) (C) 20-2/2021-COVID 19-III dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and as amended from time to time, shall be applicable. Further, the 'hotspots' shall also include religious congregations held outside the State.

However, the requirement of quarantine shall not be applicable to the following categories of persons:

- a) Those persons who are returning from hotspots but have undergone a RTPCR test in 72 hours preceding entry into the State and reported negative for COVID-19.



- b) Those persons who are completely vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccine and a period of minimum 14 days has elapsed since the second dose of vaccine. For this purpose, the person must possess the final vaccination certificate issued to him/her.
- c) The residents of the State exiting the State to visit the hotspot areas for short duration for medical, business or office purpose and coming back to the State within 72 hours shall also be exempted from any requirement of quarantine, provided they are asymptomatic. A system of stamping/scanning and verification of persons registered in the registration acknowledgement generated from COVID e-pass software at the time of exiting the State at State border will be put in place and it shall be ensured that only those persons re-enter the State who had exited.
- d) Any person who travels to the State of Himachal Pradesh from the hotspot areas for short duration for medical, business or office purpose, not exceeding 72 hours and don't mix with general masses, follows all social distancing and other COVID-19 prevention protocol/norms, does not organize/take part in any gathering of any sort, shall be exempt from quarantine requirement.
- e) Any person who has fully recovered from COVID-19 infection. For this purpose, the person must possess a COVID-19 positive report along with Valid ID card. The person should have been reported as positive within the last 6 months but the report should not be of within the last 20 days to rule out persons with active infection entering the State, without intimation.
- f) Children under 10 years of age will not need any COVID-19 test, if the accompanying adults have a COVID-19 report.

However, in all the exceptions mentioned above, the precautionary measures like wearing of mask, social distancing etc. shall be mandatory. All such returnees from hotspots shall download the 'Arogya Setu' application on their smart phones.

5. Every district authority from where the returnees are entering the state shall on a daily basis transmit the details of such inter-state returnees to the concerned districts where such persons are destined to go. To ensure that all the returnees from these hotspots have been registered, action shall also be taken by the Gram Panchayat/Urban Local Body as provided for in the order



of Disaster Management Cell, Department of Revenue bearing No. Rev (DMC)(F)4-2/2000/SEC dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

6. For setting up of panchayat level quarantine facilities as provided for in the order of DMC mentioned *ibid*, guidelines notified by the National Health Mission Himachal Pradesh vide letter bearing No. NHMHP-IDSP/1/2020-IDSP-Section-NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION-HP-Part(2)- 2949 dated 06.04.2020 shall be adhered to.
7. The Gram Panchayats and urban local bodies shall share the details of all such individuals with the Local Health Workers and the ASHA of the concerned area. The District Surveillance Units and the Block Medical Officers along with Local Administration must ensure that all these individuals are quarantined for a prescribed period of 14 days or earlier if he/she is tested negative for COVID-19 on the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> day after entry into the State.
8. The concerned Block Medical Officer shall ensure that a health surveillance personnel is assigned to the quarantined person for health check-up.
9. Since, the persons residing with the hotspot returnees in the same house may also pose a risk to the community at large, their movement shall also be restricted outside their homes. The outside movement of the assigned family member who is taking care of the quarantined person shall also be curtailed to the extent possible. The panchayat / urban local body shall endeavour to supply the daily items on the door steps of such homes as far as possible and for this purpose, they may identify and map volunteers within the local community to assist the family till the quarantine period is over or the quarantined person(s) has/have tested negative.
10. The health surveillance personnel shall visit the house of quarantined person at least once daily and observe diligently for the appearance of symptoms.
11. In case, a quarantined person on surveillance develops symptoms, the Block Medical Officer and the District Surveillance Officer shall get the sampling done promptly through the mobile sampling vans or otherwise.
12. In case, a symptomatic person is tested positive, he/she will be shifted promptly to the designated facility for treatment/isolation or advised for home isolation, if the clinical condition so permits.



13. The respective roles and responsibilities assigned to the concerned stakeholders vide Order no. Rev(DMC)(F)4-2/2000/SEC dated 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020 shall be adhered to strictly, without fail.

These measures shall be applicable from the midnight of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and remain in force till 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Secretary (Health) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh

MISSION DIRECTOR (NHM)

25 APR 2021

Shimla-9 (H.P.)

Endst. No. As above, Dated: Shimla-9, the

Copy for information and necessary action to:

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5. Secretary (Rural Development) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
6. All Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh
7. The Director Health Services, Himachal Pradesh
8. The Director Medical Education, Himachal Pradesh
9. Director, Urban Development, Himachal Pradesh
10. Director, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Himachal Pradesh
11. Director, Information and Public Relations, Himachal Pradesh
12. All the Chief Medical Officers, Himachal Pradesh
13. All the District Surveillance Officers, in Himachal Pradesh
14. State Surveillance Officer, NHM, Himachal Pradesh

Secretary (Health) to the  
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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH  
DISASTER MANAGEMENT CELL, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

No. Rev(DMC)(F)4-2/2000/SEC

dated: 29 April, 2020

**ORDER**

Whereas the Government of India has decided that Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) - a highly contagious disease, (declared to be pandemic by the World Health Organization) be treated as a notified disaster and it is expedient to take preventive measures for the purpose of containing and mitigating the alarming situation arising out of its spread throughout the country in the last few weeks in a rapid manner, endangering the lives of all citizens;

And Whereas it is an established fact that the COVID-19 spreads to a person through contact with another person who is carrying the virus (with or without symptoms) and therefore the most effective measure for the prevention of the spread of this deadly disease is curtailment of social/community contacts and quarantine of persons whose contact and travel history is not easily established;

And Whereas the Government of Himachal Pradesh has permitted the people of Himachal Pradesh residing in other States to return to their homes within Himachal Pradesh and a large number of people have returned to H.P. or will

return in future and have gone or will go to their homes spread over different Gram Panchayats as well as Urban areas of the State;

And whereas, to contain the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to keep asymptomatic persons under home/institutional quarantine and surveillance and to segregate and isolate symptomatic persons for testing and treatment as per Standard Operating Protocol prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India;

And whereas, it is necessary to handle the influx of large number of such people from outside the State to prevent spread of COVID-19 pandemic and surveillance needs to be strengthened through monitoring and strict home/institutional quarantine;

And whereas, as per Section 22(h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the State Executive Committee constituted under the said Act is empowered to give directions to any Department of the State Government or any other Authority or Body in the State regarding actions to be taken in response to any threatening disaster situation or disaster;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under the said provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005; the State Government hereby issues the following directions to the District Magistrates, Heads of Urban



Local Bodies/all councilors, Pradhans of all Gram Panchayats/Ward Members in the State to effectively deal with the situation in the following manner:-

1. The District Magistrates in exercise of power vested in them vide Himachal Pradesh Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 shall declare all Heads of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), Councilors of ULBs, Pradhans of all Gram Panchayats and Ward Members of all Gram Panchayats as 'Surveillance Personnel' under the Regulations *ibid*.
2. Every Gram Panchayat/Urban Local Body (ULB) will have a Registration Facility to facilitate return of the people. Family members or relatives of such people who have returned to the State will register with the facility at the concerned Gram Panchayat or Urban Local Body immediately on his/her/their arrival. Heads of ULB/Pradhan Gram Panchayat may also register such names suo-moto, upon receiving information from any other source. Getting registered on arrival is mandatory and any violation in this regard shall invite action under the Regulation *ibid*.
3. Gram Panchayat Secretary or the Panchayat Sahayak will be the Nodal Officer to register such person. SDM in consultation with Head of the





concerned ULB will identify a Nodal Officer for one or a cluster of wards to be known a Ward Nodal Officer.

4. The Head of ULBs/Pradhans of all Gram Panchayats shall put necessary arrangements in place duly involving Councilors of ULBs/Ward Members of Gram Panchayats to check and ensure that any person arriving in their respective jurisdictions from outside the state has been registered. It shall primarily be the duty of the Councilor/Ward Member to inform the Head of ULB/Pradhan of Gram Panchayat, who shall have the particulars entered in the register/software, developed/prescribed by the State Government Health department for this purpose, and shall also duly inform the concerned ASHA Worker/Local Health Worker immediately or maximum within 24 hours of such arrival in the Ward. The details of the information to be recorded for the purpose of registration is at Annexure A.
5. Every person on return from outside H.P. shall have to compulsorily stay in home or the ULB/Panchayat level quarantine facility for fourteen days, observing the guidelines issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department. Any violation in this regard shall invite action.



6. In case persons are allowed home quarantine, proper sticker must be affixed on the front of such house. The format of this sticker shall be as indicated at Annexure B.
7. The ASHA/Health worker shall mandatorily visit the house of all such persons on receipt of information from the concerned Head of ULB/Councilor/Pradhan/Ward Member. She/he will ascertain whether such house has sufficient accommodation available for home quarantine. If not, she/he will immediately inform the Head of ULB/Pradhan Gram Panchayat concerned, who shall proceed to institutionally quarantine such person under intimation to the concerned SDM.
8. The persons who jump home quarantine and other needy persons, who do not have sufficient accommodation at their homes for home quarantine, shall be kept in Institutional Quarantine Centres. The Head of ULB/Gram Panchayat shall, in consultation with local BDO, identify and establish Institutional Quarantine Centre(s) within their respective jurisdiction and they shall make necessary provisions of lodging, food, water and sanitation for the quarantined persons at the identified quarantine centres during the quarantine period, if need for use of such quarantine centres arises. The expenditure on provision of temporary accommodation, food, drinking water, sanitation and medical care etc. for the people in

quarantine camps (other than home quarantine) shall be met out of State Disaster Response Fund. Two or more Panchayats can have a joint facility if they so determine and get it approved from the local BDO.

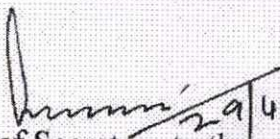
9. Health check up of the quarantined persons, including screening for COVID-19 and sampling of the symptomatic cases, shall be conducted in coordination with concerned health officials, who shall be immediately informed about such arrivals by Heads of ULBs/Pradhans of Gram Panchayats and ASHA worker.
10. In case any person is tested COVID-19 positive, he/she will be immediately shifted to the designated care facility/ hospital for treatment.
11. The Councilor/Ward Member of the ULB/Gram Panchayat shall keep a watch on persons (s) kept in home quarantine in his ward and shall ensure that such persons do not flout guidelines in this regard. Any violation of these guidelines shall be brought into the notice of the Head of ULB/Pradhan Gram Panchayat immediately for further necessary action. The Pradhan on the receipt of such information shall forthwith inform SDM or BDO in this regard for initiating appropriate action under relevant Acts, Rules and Regulations.
12. Anyone found violating the instructions of the Head of ULB/Pradhan of the Gram Panchayat regarding quarantine protocols and guidelines shall



be penalized under the relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 read with the H.P. COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 and provisions of any other relevant Act.

13. The above directions shall be observed in letter and spirit by all the Surveillance Personnel. Any deviation therefrom shall attract penal action under Section 188, 269, 270 and 271 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 read with Section 56 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005. In addition to the above, it is clarified that any deviation in compliance specifically by the Surveillance Personnel shall tantamount to misconduct within the meaning of Section 146 of Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 and Section 273 of the H.P. Municipal Act, 1994.
14. Any person, who has been directed to observe quarantine, if found violating any direction in this regard, shall be liable to be punished under Section 188, 269, 270 and 271 of IPC apart from any other action deemed appropriate by the local SDMA/BDO.
15. Further, whosoever is found to deter the surveillance personnel in the discharge of his public duty in any manner shall be liable to be punished under Section 51 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 read with Section 353 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

Keeping in view any peculiar emergent ground situation, the District Magistrate concerned shall be at liberty to issue supplemental directions/instructions in consonance with this order.

  
29/4/2020  
Chief Secretary to the  
Government of H.P.

# **ANNEXURES**

Annexure – A

**Format to capture details of the Incoming People/Migrants**

| NAME | S/o D/o<br> W/o | AGE | GENDER<br>(M / F /<br>Others) | DISTRICT | ADDRESS<br>(Village/<br>Ward/ City) | Mobile<br>No. | Date of<br>Arrival | Adhaar<br>Number | Whether<br>Downloaded<br>Arogya Setu<br>App? (Y/N) | Coming<br>from<br>State | Coming<br>From<br>District | Tentative<br>duration<br>of stay in<br>days | Vehicle<br>Number |
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**COVID - 19**  
MAINTAIN DISTANCE  
HOME UNDER QUARANTINE

From  To

Name

Address

No. of Persons

 **राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन**  
**स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग**  
**हिमाचल प्रदेश** 