



**Government of Odisha  
Office of Special Relief Commissioner**

No. 1663 /R&DM(DM)  
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Date: 31/03/2021

**ORDER**

Whereas, resurgence of SARS CoV-2 has been noticed in many parts of India and some areas of the State;

And whereas, COVID appropriate behavior and protocols are required to be observed scrupulously in order to prevent the transmission of the infection;

And whereas, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (GoI) has issued guidelines vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March,2021 for effective control of COVID-19 to be effective from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 24(I) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, read with Rule 8(1) of the Odisha Disaster Management Rules, 2010, the undersigned hereby directs that following guidelines shall be in force in the State of Odisha from **01.04.2021 to 30.04.2021**:

**1. Surveillance and Containment**

- I. Local Authorities i.e., District Collector/ Municipal Commissioner shall carefully demarcate the containment zones, at the micro level in accordance with the guidelines of MoHFW, Government of India/ H&FW Department, Government of Odisha. The Containment Zones will be notified by the respective District Collectors/ Municipal Commissioners and information will be shared with MoHFW. The notification shall be uploaded by the District Collector and by the State on their websites.
- II. With the detection of new positive cases, Containment measures, as prescribed by MoHFW, Government of India/ H&FW Department, Government of Odisha, shall be scrupulously followed in the containment zones.
- III. Awareness shall be created in communities on COVID-19 appropriate behavior.

**2. Testing, Tracking and Treatment**

- I. Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol. The proportion of RT-PCR tests in the total mix should be scaled up to the extent possible.
- II. Effective demarcation of containment zones, in vulnerable and high incidence areas, is key to breaking the chain of transmission and hence critical to containing the

spread of the virus. Therefore, District/ Municipal Authorities shall carefully demarcate Containment Zones as per the Guidelines of MoHFW/ H&FW Department, Government of Odisha. The list of such containment zones will be notified on the websites of MoHFW by the respective District Collectors and Municipal Commissioners and by the H&FW Department.

- III. Containment measures, as prescribed by MoHFW/ H&FW Department of Government of Odisha, shall be scrupulously followed in the demarcated Containment Zones.
- Only essential activities shall be allowed.
  - 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.
  - There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance by surveillance teams.
  - 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).
  - Surveillance for ILI/ SARI cases shall be carried out in health facilities or outreach mobile units or through fever clinics in buffer zones.
- IV. Quick isolation of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities/ home (subject to fulfilling the home isolation guidelines).
- V. Clinical interventions and clinical Management protocol, as prescribed/ required shall be clearly understood and administered.
- VI. Effective infection, prevention and control practices shall be followed in treatment facilities and by health care workers and professionals.
- VII. Awareness shall be created in communities on COVID-19 appropriate behavior.

**The District Administration, Police and Municipal Authorities shall ensure that the prescribed *containment measures* are strictly followed.**

**Vaccination** - Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Odisha shall ensure implementation of the guidelines of vaccination drive of Government of India.

**Covid Appropriate Behaviour-** The District/ Municipal Authorities/ Police Commissioner, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack shall ensure strict compliance of Covid appropriate behaviour, such as use of face masks, maintaining physical distancing and hand hygiene. Crowd shall be regulated in all busy market places, weekly haats, public transport and other places. Any violation/ non-compliance of MHA (National Directives as specified in (**Annexure-I**)/ State Government directives/ guidelines in this regard shall be strictly dealt with.

### **3. Regulation of activities in areas outside the Containment Zones**

- i. Large gatherings, congregations shall continue to be prohibited. Social/ religious/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural functions and gatherings shall be allowed with a ceiling of 200 persons subject to the following conditions:
  - a. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed subject to the above ceiling.

- b. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ open space in view, appropriate number of persons will be allowed, within the ceiling prescribed above, so as to ensure maintenance of prescribed physical distancing norms.
  - c. Wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.
  - d. Permission for such functions/ gatherings shall be accorded by the respective District Magistrates/ Municipal Commissioners or other officers authorised by them.
- ii. However, in view of the Bye-election to the 110- Pipili Assembly Constituency in Puri district announced by the Election Commission of India to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, political meetings and other functions/ gatherings in connection with the said Bye-election, as permitted by the ECI/ CEO, Odisha or the empowered/ authorised officers on that behalf, shall be allowed within the jurisdiction of the said Assembly Constituency only subject to the following conditions:
- a. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed, with a ceiling of 200 persons. Wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing, provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.
  - b. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ open space in view, the District Administration shall give permission for gathering for such number of persons as would be appropriate ensuring strict observance of physical distancing norms. Wearing of masks, provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.
  - c. The District Magistrate-cum-District Election Officer/ authorized officer shall ensure strict enforcement of the conditions for holding the political meetings and other functions/ gatherings in connection with the said bye-election.
- iii. In view of celebration of several social, religious and cultural events, such as, Utkal Divas, Good Friday, Ram Navami, Maha Bishuba Sankranti, JhammuJatra etc. in different parts of the State during the month of April, the following guidelines shall be strictly followed in the interest of the general public and for containment of spread of COVID-19;
- a. Congregation for celebration of the above festivals and associated religious and cultural congregations shall not be allowed in public throughout the State.
  - b. Religious rituals in churches/ temples/ places of worship including in places where such rituals are performed traditionally will continue as usual with limited number of persons as permitted by the District Collector/ Municipal Commissioner or any officer duly authorised by him/her with strict adherence to Covid protocols.
  - c. Large congregation for celebration of 'Utkal Divas' and associated cultural programmes shall not be allowed throughout the State.
  - d. The official meeting/ celebration of Utkal Divas shall be made with a maximum of 200 participants. COVID- 19 safety protocols like social distancing, use of

masks, use of soap & water/ sanitizer shall be strictly adhered to. Other activities during the day shall be avoided.

- e. Other organizations & private institutions shall observe 'Utkal Divas' and related activities with prior approval from the local Administration i.e., Collector or Municipal Commissioner or any officer duly authorised by the Collector/ Municipal Commissioner subject to the above ceiling and strictly adhering to COVID- 19 safety protocols.
- f. The Departments/ Collectors shall issue instructions to the field offices for observance of the occasion with above ceiling and with strictly adherence to COVID- 19 safety protocols.

***Considering local conditions, Collectors and Municipal Commissioners may impose appropriate restrictions on celebration and entry of devotees into churches/ temples/ religious places/ places of worship. Further, Collectors/ Municipal Commissioners may decide the number of persons to attend any such religious ritual/ festival in their respective jurisdictions with strict adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour and norms.***

- iv. Marriage, funeral/ last rites related gatherings shall be allowed with a ceiling of 200 and 50 persons respectively, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed subject to the above ceilings.
  - b. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ open space in view, appropriate number of persons will be allowed, subject to the above ceilings, so as to ensure maintenance of prescribed physical distancing norm.
  - c. Wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.
  - d. The host of the marriage/ funeral function shall make necessary arrangement for checking at the entry point and ensure wearing of mask by the guests/ others during the entire duration of their participation. The Host shall make arrangement to provide masks to those who have not come with appropriate mask. The Guidelines issued by the State Government vide Order No.4014/R&DM(DM) dated 06.07.2020 (***Annexure-II***) for marriage and funeral related functions during COVID-19 pandemic shall be strictly followed with the above modifications.
- v. Business to Business (B2B) and Business to Consumers (B2C) exhibitions shall be allowed in exhibition halls with participants/ visitors up to 50% of the hall capacity complying with the COVID-19 safety protocols. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ open space in view, appropriate number of persons will be allowed at any point of time so as to ensure maintenance of prescribed physical distancing norm. Permission for such exhibitions shall be accorded by the respective District Magistrates/ Municipal Commissioners or other officers authorised by them.

- vi. All Medical Colleges of the State have been allowed to reopen with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020. Medical College Authorities shall follow all the SOPs /guidelines with respect to social distancing and prevention of spread of epidemic issued by Central/ State Government, scrupulously.
- vii. The Department of School & Mass Education/ ST & SC Development, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare Department/ Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is authorised to take appropriate decision with regard to the date of re-opening of schools and hostels under its control/ superintendence/ supervision in respect of classes from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Standard in a graded manner observing necessary guidelines/ SOP developed for the purpose. The Department shall further develop detailed SoP for the primary schools and decide on opening of such schools with approval of Government.
- viii. Government in School and Mass Education Department has allowed physical classes for Standard 9 and Standard 11. Considering the present situation, the School & Mass Education Department may allow conduct of intra-school class promotion examination for 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Standards giving the option of online examination to the students with consent of their parents/ guardians.
- ix. The Department of Higher Education is authorized to take appropriate decision with regard to the date of re-opening of Colleges/ Higher Education Institutions and Hostels under its control/ superintendence/ supervision by following the guidelines/ SOP issued by the Department/ UGC/ AICTE/ Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- x. The Department of Skill Development and Technical Education is authorised to take appropriate decision with regard to the date of re-opening of Engineering Colleges and other Technical Education/ Skill Development Institutions and Hostels under its control/ superintendence/ supervision in a graded manner in compliance with the Guidelines/ SOP issued by the Department/ UGC/ AICTE/ Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

Notwithstanding closure of Academic/ Technical/ Skill Development Institutions, the followings will be permitted:

- a. Conduct of examinations (including academic, competitive and entrance tests), evaluation and other administrative activities.
- b. Online/ distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
- c. The concerned department may permit teaching and non-teaching staff to be called to the School/ College/ Institution for online teaching/ tele-counselling and related work, in areas outside the Containment Zones only as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the Ministry of Education/ Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), GoI.
- d. All training activities including skill and professional development.
  - xi. Anganwadi Centres have been allowed to function with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021.
  - xii. Local Authority i.e., District Magistrate/ Municipal Commissioner are authorised to permit public worship in religious places/ places of worship with appropriate

restrictions, based on local assessment of the situation with regard to spread of COVID-19 and in due consultation with relevant stakeholders, with observance of COVID-19 safety protocol.

- xiii. Cinema Halls/ Theatres shall be allowed to open and operate with 50% of hall *capacity*. Entertainment Parks shall operate within the ceiling on gathering in open space/ public spaces. All such activities shall be conducted as per SOP issued by the Government in that regard.
- xiv. Open Air Theatres/ Jatras/ Operas shall be permitted by the local authorities (District Magistrate/ Municipal Commissioner or any other officer authorized) subject to compliance of COVID-19 safety protocols such as mandatory wearing of face masks, physical distancing, provision of thermal scanning, etc. Keeping the size of the ground/ space in view, appropriate number of persons (subject to a ceiling of 2000 persons) will be allowed ensuring maintenance of prescribed physical distancing norm i.e., maintaining a distance of 6 feet from each other and the seating arrangement shall be made accordingly. Persons with Influenza like Infection (ILI)/ Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI)/ COVID-19 like symptoms shall not be allowed. As far as possible, facility for online booking of tickets may be arranged by the organizers and sufficient number of counters shall be opened to prevent crowding during physical booking of tickets. Facility of advance booking online as well as through counters may also be organized. The organizers shall be responsible for due compliance of these norms/ conditions.
- xv. Merry-go-round (Doli)/ Meena Bazaar and related activities shall be permitted by local authorities, i.e. District Magistrate/ Municipal Commissioner/ authorized officer subject to complying with the COVID-19 appropriate behavior and safety protocols.
- xvi. Opening and use of Swimming Pools shall be as per the SOP issued/ to be issued by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, GoI.
- xvii. International air travel of passengers shall be as decided by the Ministry of Civil Aviation/ Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI.

**Subject to other provisions of this order, activities that are not specifically prohibited/ regulated/ restricted above are allowed subject to adherence to safety and health protocols and SOPs/ guidelines issued by appropriate authorities.**

#### **4. Use of AarogyaSetu**

Use of AarogyaSetu may continue on best effort basis on compatible mobile phones. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individuals who are at risk.

#### **5. General Directives for COVID-19 Management**

The following General Directives for COVID-19 Management shall be strictly followed throughout the State:

- a. Face coverings/ Masks: Wearing of face cover/ mask properly is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and in public transport (**Annexure-III**).
- b. Physical distancing: Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places.
- c. Shops and Commercial Establishments will ensure physical distancing and use of face cover/ mask by employees and customers. The onus of compliance to the guideline lies with the owner of the shop/ commercial establishment, who shall be liable for any violation which may lead to penal action including closure/ sealing of the premises.
- d. Salons, Spas, Beauty Parlours and Barber shops shall ensure all safety precautions, disinfection and sanitization before and after service of each customer. The onus of compliance to the guideline lies with the owner, who shall be liable for any violation, which may lead to penal action including closure/ sealing of the premises.
- e. Spitting in public place will be punishable with fine, as prescribed in accordance with laws, rules or regulations (**Annexure-IV**).
- f. Same as permitted by the Excise Department, consumption of liquor in public place is prohibited.
- g. Consumption of paan, gutka, tobacco, and similar products in public place is prohibited.

#### **6. Movement of persons and goods**

There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons, private vehicles and goods including those for cross land-border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements.

#### **7. Permitted activities to be performed following prescribed SOPs**

Activities allowed/ to be allowed under these Guidelines shall be performed in accordance with appropriate Guidelines/ SOPs issued by the Central/ State Government from time to time. Web-link/ URL of some of these SOPs issued by the Government of India are available at **Annexure-V**.

#### **8. Safety and Protection of vulnerable persons**

The following categories of people are advised against outdoor movement, except for essential and health purposes.

- a. Persons above 65 years of age
- b. persons with co-morbidities
- c. pregnant women
- d. children below the age of 10 years

## 9. Strict enforcement of the guidelines

All the District Magistrates/ Municipal Commissioners/ Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack shall strictly enforce the above measures.

## 10. Penal provisions

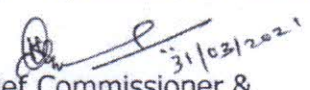
Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Regulations issued thereunder besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC and other legal provisions as applicable. Extracts of these penal provisions are at **Annexure-VI**.

By orders of the Governor

  
CHIEF SECRETARY, ODISHA

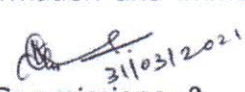
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Special Relief Commissioner &  
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.  
(Disaster Management)

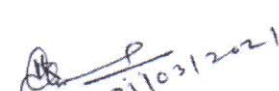
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**NATIONAL DIRECTIVES FOR COVID-19 MANAGEMENT**

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2. **Social distancing:** Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet (2 gaz ki doori) in public places.

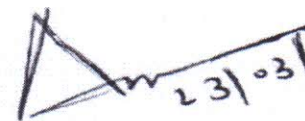
Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers.

3. **Spitting in public places** will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the State/ UT local authority in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.

*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 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 and other staff.

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 23/03/2021

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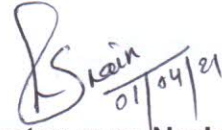
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Copy to the DIO, NIC, Kalahandi with request to upload the same in Kalahandi District Portal for wide publicity of the Orders.

By the order of Collector & DM., Kalahandi.

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01/04/21

**Asst. Collector-cum-Nodal Officer,  
COVID-19 Cell, Kalahandi.**