



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

No.10 /Home/2021

Dated: 22/04/2021

ORDER

SUB: MEASURES CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19

In exercise of powers conferred under section 22(2)(h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned in the capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee, hereby issues the following Guidelines mentioned at Annexure- I for strict implementation and compliance within the State of Sikkim with effect from 26/04/2021 and till further orders.

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


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Chief Secretary
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File No. Home/Confdl/119/2020

Encl: As above.



Guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution
(Issued with Order No. 10 dated 24/04/2021)

These Guidelines shall be effective from 26/04/2021 and till further orders.

1. Functioning of Government Offices:

- i. State Government Offices shall continue to remain closed on weekend i.e. Saturdays and Sundays, till further orders.
- ii. All Government Departments/Offices shall function with **50% staff attendance**. The HoDs/HoOs shall prepare the attendance roster accordingly. All Gazetted Officers shall attend office regularly.
- iii. Government Schools shall continue to remain closed till 31st May, 2021.

2. Markets and Commercial establishments:

- i. All commercial establishments shall continue to remain closed on Saturday and Sunday, except medical shops, ration shops and vegetable vendors and shops selling other essential items of daily needs in bazaar areas.
- ii. The District authorities shall ensure that there is strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing norms in market and commercial establishments.

3. Movement of vehicles at night:

- i. Restriction on movement of vehicles after 10.30 PM till 6.00 AM, except for emergency purposes, shall continue to be enforced. The District Police shall ensure strict compliance.
- ii. The restriction shall not apply to commercial goods vehicles including LCVs and vehicles on emergency duty.

4. Entry of Tourists and other persons into the State:

- i. The present arrangement of hotel owners, travel agents, home stay owners having to ensure that the tourists staying in their establishments carry a negative RT PCR test report conducted within 72 hours prior to their arrival shall continue.
- ii. In case of tourists whose 72-hour time limit has expired, they will have to undergo Rapid Antigen Test at Rangpo and Melli checkposts, for which facilities have been set up by the Health and Family Welfare Department.
- iii. The enforcement of Sl (i) and (ii) above shall be the responsibility of the Tourism and Civil Aviation Department in close coordination with the District Authorities.

- iv. All persons including the returnees/locals (other than the tourists) who are entering the State from outside, shall be required to undergo mandatory home quarantine of 10 days. In such cases, if in the assessment of authorities, home quarantine is not feasible, these persons may avail the facility of paid quarantine operated by the District Administration.
- v. The paid quarantine facilities shall also be provided for asymptomatic Covid-19 infected persons who do not have home quarantine facility.
- vi. Persons falling in Category (iv) above, shall not be required to undergo home quarantine if they show an RT PCR negative test report, taken during the last 72 hours of their entry into the State.
- vii. The Covid-19 Management Group shall be set-up to identify and monitor the returnees during the period of their home quarantine.

5. Social gatherings:

- i. In all social gatherings such as marriages or funerals, the number of persons shall not exceed 50 (fifty) persons on each occasion throughout the day. Prior permission for this purpose shall be taken from the District Collector. Copy of the permission should also be forwarded to the local Thana and office of the BDO- who shall conduct checking for compliance of Covid-19 protocol.
- ii. The District Collectors shall ensure that no other gatherings are allowed apart from those specified at Sl. No. (i) above.

6. 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:
 - a. Only essential activities shall be allowed in the Containment Zones.
 - 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.

7. Vaccination:

- i. As per the intimation received from the Government of India, the Health and Family Welfare Department shall undertake vaccination drive for all persons 18 years and above in a phased manner.
- ii. All Government employees including teachers above 45 years of age shall ensure they are vaccinated with at least first dose of Covid-19 vaccine on or before 1st May, 2021.
- iii. **Preliminary vaccination certificate** for Covid-19 vaccine shall be mandatory for persons above 45 years of age to **enter public offices** or to use **or operate any public transport** after **1st May, 2021**.

8. 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.


9. 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-I, shall be strictly followed throughout the State.
- iii. All schools, employees and establishments shall carry out special drive to ensure that students, employees and customers continue to follow the social distancing norms and wearing of masks.

10. 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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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 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, adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff etc.