

In view of the alarming rate of increase in COVID cases and fatalities, CII has suggested that the Central Government adopt maximal measures, with the singular objective of safeguarding lives, the utmost need of the hour.

The requirement for hospital beds and ICU beds, oxygen, and medicines will continue to escalate. Keeping in mind the mounting pressure on the healthcare system and in line with the motto 'no one is safe, unless everyone is safe', CII suggested that expert advice from India and abroad needs to be kept in mind. CII has also urged industry to voluntarily minimize all economic activity that requires physical presence of employees at the workplace.

## CII Recommendations

Against the above background, some urgent suggestions made by CII include:  
Deploy Armed Forces and central security forces for logistics, infrastructure and personnel.

Strengthen security at hospitals for medical personnel and protect people and property. Tap medical manpower sources such as retired medical personnel, doctors and nurses. Nursing and medical students who have finished 'GNM/BSC' training and who are awaiting exams can be roped in and this can be counted for future requirements / credits after 1 year of COVID ICU work. Medical specialists, PG seat aspiring doctors and specialists not recognized by the Medical Council can be included with incentives for doing 1 year COVID ICU work. [Read more](#)

## CII Recommendations Accepted

**Medical personnel:** The Government has taken the decision to postpone NEET-PG exams. It has also decided to deploy medical interns, final year MBBS students, and B.Sc / GNM qualified nurses for Covid-19 duties. This will boost availability of medical personnel to fight COVID-19.

**Taxation:** In continuation to CII efforts to help resolve industry issues arising due to the pandemic, CII had requested the Ministry of Finance for extension in the return filing dates for Financial Year 2019-20. Extension has been granted for two months, till 31st May, 2021.

## Recommendations for Industry

<p><b>CII Guidance for Industry</b></p> <p><b>Minimise all economic activity that requires in-person presence at the work premises for the next two weeks.</b></p>	<p><b>CII Guidance for Industry</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make all employees aware of personal prevention strategies and the importance of staying at home.</li> <li>2. Educate employees on self-monitoring and identifying early signs of the infection.</li> <li>3. Alert employees of the risks and do's for treatment once infected.</li> </ol>
<p><b>CII Guidance for Industry</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make testing available for employees whose presence at the workplace is necessary for critical operations.</li> <li>2. Make quarantining facilities available for infected employees.</li> </ol>	<p><b>CII Guidance for Industry</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carry out awareness drives in communities around through campaigns.</li> <li>2. Ramp up vaccination of employees.</li> <li>3. As vaccine availability improves, extend vaccination drives to neighbouring communities.</li> </ol>
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CII has urged the industry to curtail all non-essential economic activity requiring physical presence of employees at the workplace, for the next two weeks. This is necessary to break the chain of transmission. [Read more](#)

## Updates, Notifications and Advisories

The below newsletters present a compilation of Central and State Government notifications and advisories.

- [COVID-19 Updates, Notifications and Advisories: Issue No 10](#), 01 May
- [COVID-19 Updates, Notifications and Advisories: Issue No 11](#), 03 May
- [COVID-19 Updates, Notifications and Advisories: Issue No 12](#), 04 May

## State Interventions

**Policy Representations Submitted by States- 125**  
**Industry Queries Resolved- 138**  
**Meetings with State Governments- 81**

### Regional Updates

The **CII Eastern and North Eastern Region** has made various representations regarding unrestricted and easy movement of staff, smoothening the manufacturing and supply chain of Food and FMCG companies, among others. The Yi Siliguri COVID-19 Task Force has launched the first city specific COVID-19 Web Based App (<https://covid19.gligleapp.in/>). The region is also providing free ambulance service and oxygen to the needy in the local areas.

Under the aegis of **CII Southern Region**, a total of 15 policy representations were accepted by the State Governments. Over 30 queries received have been resolved and over 24 CEO interactions were held during this time. Focus has been on vaccine campaigns in industrial clusters. 80,000 employees have been vaccinated through CII vaccination drive. The region held several interactions with the State Government and was actively engaged in various COVID related work and information dissemination, amongst others.

**CII Western Region** has been working actively to provide relief and assistance to the district communities, government hospitals, municipal corporations, police department and railways, in addition to the vulnerable sections of the society, including migrant workers and underprivileged individuals. It has so far donated 15.14 lakh meals, 1 lakh RT-PCR testing kits, 1,765 ventilators, among others.

Click on the link below for more details:  
[Eastern and North Eastern Region](#)  
[Southern Region](#)  
[Western Region](#)

## Media

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### CII's Kotak urges firms to voluntarily curtail operations

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**NEW DELHI**

A day after mooting more stringent restrictions on economic activity to contain the 'suffering' from the pandemic, CII president Uday Kotak on Monday urged companies to take 'voluntary measures' to break the COVID transmission chain by minimising all activities that require in-person presence at the work premises for the next two weeks.

Auto makers including Maruti Suzuki, Hero Moto Corp, JCB India and Honda Motorcycle and Scooters India have taken the lead by halting production temporarily or advancing maintenance schedules, to protect their employees, Mr. Kotak pointed out. Similarly, services sector firms such as Kotak Mahindra Bank, TCS and Infosys have adopted a work-from-home system.

"The healthcare system and medical personnel are stretched to the limit and exhausted. Measures to break the chain of transmission are of paramount importance to mitigate human tragedy and loss of lives, alongside augmenting health infrastructure and medical supplies," Mr. Kotak said, asking all 'responsible' corporates to strive to protect their employees and ensure "their employee presence sheet" remains healthy.

Stressing that "safeguarding lives" is the highest collective national priority now, Mr. Kotak reiterated the urgent need to heed the advice of experts on containing the spread.

Uday Kotak

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### CII calls for stringent curbs

### Kotak calls for RBI to expand balance sheet

Veteran banker Mr Uday Kotak called for the RBI to expand the balance sheet to mitigate the economic impact of Covid . He also asked companies to bear the cost of not sending employees out and said that there was a need to plan for a third wave. [Read more](#)

### Uday Kotak calls for 'highest level response measures' to tackle COVID wave II

Mr Uday Kotak called the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) President Mr Uday Kotak has urged authorities to consider the "highest level response measures" to stop the second wave of coronavirus in the country. [Read more](#)

### CII urges industry to voluntarily curtail physical presence of employees presence

Industry body CII asked companies to cut all non-essential economic activities that require the physical presence of employees at the workplace for the next two weeks to control the rising coronavirus cases. [Read more](#)

## Social Media

**#VaccineAll**

Cover nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing

Sanitize hands after sneezing or coughing

Avoid close contact with people having symptoms

Stay away from others if you are not feeling well

Never shake hands

**Vaccine Awareness**

Preventive measures and precautions

Do all the vaccination centres for at least 7 days after vaccination

Do not wear masks and avoid public places, shopping malls, crowded places

Use following key COVID appropriate behaviours: Washing of hands, wearing face mask, avoid hand contact

Use physical distance

**Vaccine Awareness**

Possible side effects

Any other reactions, the common side effects in some vaccinees include:

- Allergic
- Pain at the site of injection
- Irritability
- Allergies (people who have any COVID-19 related medical conditions)

**Vaccine Awareness**

Documents required for registration of eligible beneficiary

- Aadhar Card
- Citizenship
- Health Insurance Smart Card (issued under the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Jan Suraksha Yojana)
- PAN Card
- MGNREGS job Card
- Official letter from employer
- MRP/ration card
- PDS Card
- Passport
- Recent 2x2 size photograph
- Smart Card issued by Central State Govt. (Employees of Central Govt)
- Voter ID
- Smart Card issued by PDS under NPL

Covid-19 Relief and Rehabilitation

To help support CII's pan-India Covid-19 Relief Initiatives

Please make financial contributions by Cheque/Money transfer in favour of 'CII Foundation' as per the following bank details:

Organization Name: CII Foundation  
 Project: Covid-19 Relief and Rehabilitation  
 Bank Name: SDCB Bank  
 Branch Name: Kachurba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi 110001  
 Account No: 300022200000  
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For cash contributions, please email: [ceo-cii@foundation.cii.in](mailto:ceo-cii@foundation.cii.in) with subject line: "Relief contribution towards COVID-19 Relief Initiative" with donor's name, mailing address and payment details for the purpose of issuing 80C.

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