



COVID-19 Advisory



"Let us work together as business and as responsible members of the community to tackle this unexpected and immense challenge and ensure that our nation does not suffer unduly as a result of the Coronavirus"

> Vikram Kirloskar President, CII

NEWS UPDATES

Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways & Commerce and Industry, reviews the progress of the preparedness of all the zones in preventing the spread of Corona virus

Indian Railways, the biggest transport utility of the country, has been taking a series of proactive measures to stop the spread of Corona Virus in the country. To take stock of the ongoing efforts, Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways & Commerce and Industry, reviewed the progress of preparedness of Indian Railways in that regard. The meeting was attended by Chairman, Railway Board, Members of the Railway Board besides all the General Managers and Divisional Railway Managers from all the zones who linked up through a video conferencing. (Read more...)

ADVISORIES

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued a notification on Standard Operating Procedure for Passenger Movement post Disembarkation

The <u>notification gives information about the procedure</u> that would be followed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on the arrival of flights from COVID19 affected areas.

Advisory issued by the South African Government

President Cyril Ramaphosa announced a 'national state of disaster' to enable the government to introduce measures to combat the spread of Covid-19 within South Africa that includes travel to South Africa and other advisories like functioning of Education institutions, healthcare institutions and other businesses.

Indonesia issues travel restrictions

The Foreign Ministry of Indonesia has announced <u>travel restrictions</u> including suspension of its visa exemption policy for all countries for one month and expand restrictions for people with a history of travel to some of the world's countries hardest hit by the coronavirus in its efforts to curb the spread of COVID-19 in the archipelago.

Travel Advisory for inbound travellers

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) has issued <u>advisories for travellers</u> from multiple countries to contain the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Travel Advisory for outbound Indians

MOHFW has issued <u>travel Advisory for Indians</u> intending to travel abroad to countries such as China, Singapore, South Korea, Iran, Italy, Japan, France, Spain and Germany.

Advisory for Social Distancing measures

MOHFW has <u>advised social distancing</u> as a non-pharmaceutical infection prevention and control intervention, which can be implemented to slow down the rate and extent of community transmission of COVID-19.

Advisory on mass gatherings

MOHFW has advised that <u>mass gatherings</u> may be avoided or postponed till the disease spread is contained.

Income Tax Appellate Tribunal issues advisory

Directive issued by the ITAT President Justice Bhatt states that from March 17 till March 27, functioning of benches shall be <u>restricted to hear only urgent matters</u> and all other routine matters shall stand adjourned.

Advisory for prevention of transmission and disinfection of hotels/ lodging facility where suspect/confirmed cases of COVID-19 have housed

This advisory aim to provide <u>interim guidance</u> about the environmental cleaning/ decontamination in hotels/ lodging facility where persons with potential exposure to COVID-19 were housed.

Department of Personnel and Training issues advisory

The Department of Personnel and Training has issued <u>an advisory on the preventive</u> <u>measures</u> to be taken to contain the spread of COVID-19 and ensure well-being of Government employees.

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STATE ADVISORIES

Advisory issued by the Government of Karnataka

- The Commissionerate of Health & Family Welfare Services, Government of Karnataka has issued a <u>Health Advisory for Education Department</u> regarding the preparedness for the prevention for the control of COVID 19.
- Advisory has been issued for hotels & guest houses in Karnataka giving the protocols to be followed by the owners of hotels and guest houses.
- Advisory has been issued to IT/BT companies' employees and staff

Advisory issued by the Government of Kerala

- The Government of Kerala has issued an advisory to adhere to the <u>protocols</u>
 <u>laid down by the Health ministry's preventive measures</u> to tackle COVID 19
- The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Kerala has also issued an Advisory laying down the <u>Airport arrangements and flow chart</u> to be followed as a control measure against COVID 19
- The labour Department, Government of Kerala has issued a notification to all
 private establishments to provide for the safety of its employees by <u>providing</u>
 <u>flexibility in timings</u> as well as leaves wherever required.

Advisory issued by the Government of Rajasthan

Government of Rajasthan has released an advisory to various institutions and organisations to control the spread of COVID 19 within the state. Besides the general protocols, the government in its advisory has asserted that people should avoid going to crowded places and also maintain sufficient distance while interacting with others.

Odisha closes malls and lists SOP for Hotels and vegetable vendors

The government of Odisha has <u>ordered the closure of malls</u>, cloth stores, street vendors, cafeteria's, lodges, garages and car showrooms.

Sikkim orders setting up of quarantine facilities near Rangpo Checkpost

The government of Sikkim has ordered the setting up of <u>quarantine facilities near</u> the Rangpo Checkpost and the amenities and resources available at these facilities would be taken over by the District Disaster Management Authority, East District.

Tamil Nadu issues advisory for Industrial Establishments

The government of Tamil Nadu has issued an <u>advisory for all industrial</u> <u>establishments</u> in the state.

Brihan Mumbai Mahanagar Palika order for Social Distancing

The government of Maharashtra has implemented <u>containment measures in the city</u> of <u>Mumbai</u> to control the spread of coronavirus.

Goa issues order for Gyms, theatres, swimming pools, Spa's & Casinos

Goa government has advised all the Gymnasiums/ Cinema Theatres/ Public Swimming Pools both stand alone and in Hotels/ Resorts etc, Casinos, Spa and Massage Parlors, River Cruises, Night Clubs and Multiplexes have been ordered to shut down operations until 31st March 2020.

Schools to remain shut in West Bengal

- Government of West Bengal has <u>notified that classes of all recognized</u> <u>secondary institutions of the state</u> will remain suspended till 31st March 2020.
- The Directorate of Forests, Government of West Bengal has called for the <u>immediate closure of Sundarban Tiger Reserve</u> till 31st March 2020 in view of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Delhi government order for closure of Gyms. Spa, nightclubs, theatres and weekly bazaar

Government of Delhi has <u>suspended operations of gyms, spa, nightclubs, theatres,</u> <u>weekly bazaar</u> while restricting mass gatherings till 31st March 2020.

Himachal Pradesh postpones all fairs and festivals

In view of the spread of COVID-19, Himachal Pradesh government has <u>postponed</u> all the fairs/ festivals/ melas or other such events till the situation improves.

Gujarat issues regulations regarding COVID-19

The government of Gujarat has issued <u>regulations to control the spread of coronavirus</u> disease in the state.

Punjab issues regulations regarding COVID-19

The government of Punjab has <u>issued regulations</u> to control the spread of coronavirus disease in the state.

Haryana issues regulations regarding COVID-19

- The government of Haryana has <u>issued regulations</u> to control the spread of coronavirus disease in the state.
- All offices situated in Gurugram have been advised to allow their <u>employees</u>
 to work from their home till 31st March 2020.
- All offices situated in Faridabad have been advised to allow their employees to work from their home till 31st March 2020.

NOTIFICATIONS

COVID 19 Notification issued by the Government of Puducherry

 The Government of Puducherry, Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer affairs has issued a notification citing the Government of India order to regulate the production, quality, distribution logistics of mask & hand sanitizers.

- The Government of Puducherry, <u>Directorate of School Education</u> has issued a notification giving the containment plan on COVID 2019.
- Office of the district magistrate of Puducherry has <u>imposed various restriction</u> <u>under Epidemic Disease Act 1897</u> to prevent the spread of Novel Corona Virus.

COVID 19 Notification issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh

- The Government of Andhra Health Medical and Family Welfare Department has issued a <u>notification for containment of COVID -19</u> in the State that has been termed as "The Andhra Pradesh Epidemic Disease COVID 19 Regulations 2020."
- The Government of Andhra Pradesh has issued an order regarding the constitution of Inter Departmental Coordination Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government including the Secretaries of Line Departments for concerted measures to Containment and Surveillance of COVID-19.

COVID 19 Notification have been issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu has issued a <u>notification for the operations of the Government offices / buildings</u> in Tamil Nadu as a preventive measure against Corona Virus.

COVID 19 Notification issued by the Government of Telangana

The Government of Telangana has issued a <u>notification highlighting the measures</u> that needs to be taken by the state institutions as a measure to tackle COVID 19. The circular also states that a fund of Rs 500 Crs has been created to deal with exigencies.

COVID 19 Notification issued by the Government of Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka has issued a series of regulations called <u>The Karnataka Epidemic Diseases</u>, COVID 2019 Regulations 2020. The regulations lay's down the protocol that should be followed by different institutions in the State.

COVID 19 Notification issued by the Government of Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh has come out with a <u>notification with a series of decisions</u> focused on preventing the spread of COVID 19, taken after the meeting of the Cabinet Ministers chaired by the Chief Minister of UP.

COVID 19 Notification issued by Madhya Pradesh Government

The <u>notification issued is to address the spread of COVID 19</u> in the state and the preventive measures to be taken.

COVID 19 Notification issued by the Government of Gujarat

- The Government of Gujarat has issued a <u>notification regarding COVID 19</u>
 laying out the actions to be followed to address the prevention of spreading
 of COVID 19. The regulations will be called Gujarat Epidemic Diseases
 COVID 19 Regulations 2020.
- The Education Department, Government of Gujarat has issued a <u>notification</u> regarding the <u>precautions</u> to be taken against COVID 19.

COVID 19 Notification issued by the Government of Jharkhand

The Department of Higher, Technical Education and Skill Development has issued a notification to address the COVID 19. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, All Government and Non-Government Educational Institutes, Colleges, Universities, Coaching Centres, Vocational Training Institutes, Polytechnic Colleges, Architecture Colleges, Bed Colleges, Fashion

Designing Institutes, Skill Development Centres will remain closed till 14 April 2020.

- The Department of Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare,
 Government of Jharkhand has issued a notification to prevent the spreading
 of COVID 2019. The notification mentions that if a person
 suspected/confirmed with COVID-19 refuses to go for quarantine or
 cooperate, appropriate proceeding would be taken up against him/her Section
 133 of Code of Criminal Procedure.
- The Department of Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare, Government of Jharkhand has also issued a <u>notification with protocols to be</u> <u>followed</u> by people followed from COVID effected countries to Jharkhand.

Ministry of Finance invokes Force Majeure Clause

The Ministry has notified that any supply chain disruption due to the spread of corona virus in China or any other country will be covered in the <u>Force Majeure Clause</u> (FMC).

International Travel Restrictions in Asia-Pacific

Some of the restrictions in the Asia-Pacific region, as of 17 March, 2020. (Read more...)

Masks and Sanitizers as essential commodities

The Central government has released an order to <u>regulate the production</u>, <u>quality</u>, <u>distribution</u>, <u>logistics of masks and hand sanitizers</u> by placing them under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The move is aimed at preventing hoarding, black marketing and profiteering of these items.

Guidelines on Clinical management of severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) in suspected/ confirmed novel coronavirus cases

These <u>guidelines</u> aim to provide clinicians with updated interim guidance on timely, effective, and safe supportive management of patients with nCoV and SARI, particularly those with critical illness.

Guidelines on Specimen Collection, Packaging and Transport Guidelines for 2019 novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

These <u>guidelines</u> contain the requirements and procedure for clinical samples collection, packaging and transport.

Standard operating procedure (SOP) to handle coronavirus (COVID-19) for international cruise ships at major ports of India

A <u>Standard Operating Procedure</u> has been put in place with immediate effect for all international cruise ships, who had planned and intimated their call to Major Ports of India in advance.

Guidelines on use of masks by public

These <u>guidelines</u> give the correct evidence-based information to general public on use of mask.

Guidelines for home quarantine

These <u>guidelines</u> provide home quarantine measures to all contacts of a suspect or confirmed case of COVID-19.

Guidelines on Dead Body Management

These <u>guidelines</u> list the Standard Precautions to be followed by health care workers while handling dead bodies of COVID.

Guidelines to States and UT's for quarantine

This document gives the <u>SOP for categorization of passengers</u> for COVID 19 coming from China, Democratic Republic of Korea, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Iran for airport screening.

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT TRACKER ON CORONAVIRUS

This section deals with various Research and Development initiatives by countries, pharmaceutical companies, and other technological interventions. (Read more...)