



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Disaster Management Department – Covid 19 – Surge in positive cases – Restrictions for the effective containment of Covid 19 - Orders issued.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.364/2021/DMD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 13/04/2021

- Read 1 Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 26/02/2021 of Ministry of Home Affairs
- 2 Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 23/03/2021 of Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3 G O (Rt) No.353/2021/DMD dated 29/03/2021

ORDER

Government of India as per order read as 1st paper extended the guidelines for COVID 19 surveillance, containment and caution up to 31.03.2021 which was further extended up to 30.04.2021 as per order read as 2nd paper. Vide paper read as 3rd above, the regulations and guidelines in the order of the Ministry of Home Affairs read as 2nd paper were made applicable to the entire state of Kerala up to 30.04.2021.

A steady increase in the number of COVID 19 cases is now seen in all the Districts notwithstanding the present containment efforts. To control the spread of the disease, urgent additional restrictions are necessary without affecting the economic activities that have been resumed after lockdown.

Para 18 of the order read as paper 2, empowers 'States and UTs, based on their assessment of the situation, to impose local restrictions at district/sub-district and city/ward level, with a view to contain the spread of COVID-19'. However, vide para 19, 'there shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods including those for cross land-border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries'. Also 'no separate permission/approval/e-permit will be required for such movements'.

In the above circumstances, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 20(3) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the under signed in the capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee of State Disaster Management Authority, order as follows:

1. Only a maximum of 100 persons are permitted to gather in case of indoor meetings/programmes and a maximum of 200 persons in case of outdoor functions/programmes. If more than the above number are required to participate, then the organizers shall have a system of passes for the event where only persons who have tested negative for COVID 19 through RTPCR/Saliva Test in the last 72 hours and certified or individuals with certificate of atleast first vaccination will attend. This shall be applicable for all programmes including marriages, funerals, festivals, sports, arts and cultural events etc.
2. No programme shall ordinarily be conducted beyond two hours so as to regulate the number of participants.
3. All programmes where food is served should provide for take away / packed food as far as possible. This is to avoid removal of masks during such gatherings.
4. Shops should close by 9 PM every day and door delivery should be promoted, as far as possible. The Collectors may call a meeting of the organizations of shops and establishments for participatory and concerted action in this regard.
5. Crowding must be controlled effectively. Meetings be held online as far as possible. E-Sanjeevani (tele-medicine) of Health Department should be popularized so that crowding in OP wards is avoided. Specialist consultation also may be popularized through E- Sanjeevani. Fifty percent rule should be strictly adhered to in cinemas / theatres, hotels and restaurants.
6. Mega sales / shopping festivals shall be postponed for two weeks / till the COVID 19 situation improves.
7. Hotels and Restaurants should promote take-aways and home delivery instead of in-house dining as people tend to crowd in such public dining settings and remove their masks. Covid protocol should be followed inside the premises.
8. Religious leaders and district authorities may persuade to avoid community gatherings (Iftar parties) when customary fasting is broken during evenings in the month of Ramzan.
9. Buses meant for public transport should not allow standing passengers. Buses should not take-in passengers beyond the seating capacity. The Motor Vehicle Department shall take steps to ensure the same.
10. Places with centralized air conditioning system (e.g. Malls, Theaters and Auditoria) should restrict occupancy and strictly ensure Covid Protocol (SMS)

and thermal scanning of entrants.

11. In local bodies having high TPR, the District Magistrates may impose additional restrictions under section 144 CrPC based on evidence with focus. The restrictions should help in the containment of COVID 19.
12. Civil Supplies Corporation, HortiCorp, KEPCO, Matsyafed, MILMA and other such Government Organisations shall have a unified online/mobile platform for taking orders and enabling home delivery of items ordered.

(By order of the Governor)

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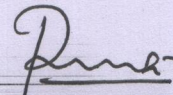
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