



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
HOME DEPARTMENT
TASHILING SECRETARIAT
GANGTOK

No. 19/Home/2021

Dated: 14/05/2021

ORDER

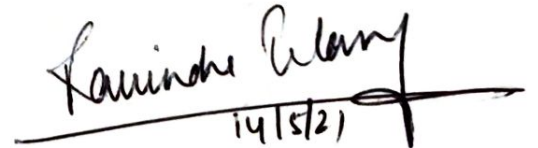
SUB: MEASURES CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19

Whereas, the Guidelines for Containment of Covid-19 pandemic in the State have been reviewed in view of the fact that the average positivity rate for Covid-19 cases in the State has continued to be more than 20% in the last few weeks;

Whereas, it is felt that there is an urgent need to impose stricter restrictions on the movement of people within the State;

Therefore, this Order along with the Guidelines attached as **Annexure I** is issued with the approval of the Chairperson, State Executive Committee in exercise of his powers conferred under section 22(2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 for strict implementation within the State of Sikkim.

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


14/5/21

(R. Telang, IAS)

Principal Secretary

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Encl: As above

Guidelines for Containment of Covid-19

(Issued with Order No.19/Home/2021 dated 14/05/2021)

1. There shall be a complete lockdown w.e.f 17th May, 2021(5.00 AM) to 24th May, 2021 (5.00 AM) in the entire State.
2. All State Government offices, shops including ration shops, private commercial establishments, institutions, gymnasiums, markets and factories, other than those engaged in production of medicines, medical equipment, oxygen and allied sectors shall remain closed.
3. Central Government Offices shall operate as per the instructions of the Government of India. The officers and staff working in such offices shall be allowed to travel to their offices and back during this period on production of valid Government ID card.
4. All activities/congregations and movement of people and goods and passenger vehicles, including two-wheelers, shall be prohibited/restricted **except** for the following **exceptions**:
 - i. Movement of people and vehicles including passenger vehicles required for essential goods (e.g. milk, food items, vegetables, animal feed, petroleum products, medical supplies, LPG) shall be allowed. The police on duty shall seek guidance of concerned DM, SP or SDM in case they need any clarification in this regard.
 - ii. Medicine shops shall be allowed to remain open.
 - iii. Milk vending shops will be permitted to remain open from 7.00 AM up to 11.00 AM.
 - iv. Movement of people and vehicles required for maintenance of all essential services for example hospitals, veterinary services, telecom, banks, insurance companies, power supply, sanitation and waste management, water supply, urban services, post offices, social security institutions like old age home etc.
 - v. Concerned officials/persons should, at all times, carry with them, and present for inspection on demand, the deployment letter or valid ID Card to the Police

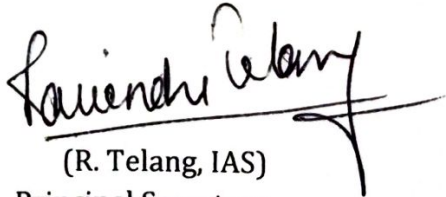
Personnel on duty. Such movement should be confined to the normal working hours for such services.

- vi. Movement of people and vehicles relating to emergency services including law and order, fire, relief and rescue, hospitals, wildlife and forest management, Covid-19 management, quarantine centres, testing and vaccination related activities, Government officials on emergency duty, army and para military forces shall be allowed.
- vii. Movement of officials on duty shall also be permitted on production of valid ID Card.
- viii. Movement of people and vehicles (including private vehicles and passenger vehicles) required in case of medical emergency including Covid-19 testing and vaccination. All relevant medical papers should be shown to the Police Officers on duty, on demand, to facilitate permission for such movement.
- ix. Movement of passengers boarding or returning from Pakyong Airport on production of valid tickets. The condition of negative RT-PCR report conducted within 48 hours of arrival or alternatively, ten days of mandatory quarantine shall continue to apply to those entering the State.
- x. Movement of goods carrier vehicles of pharma companies shall be allowed. Concerned DMs shall regulate this.

5. 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.

By Order.



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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.