



**Government of Odisha
Office of Special Relief Commissioner**

**No. 2057 / R&DM(DM), Dt.19.04.2021
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ORDER

Whereas, resurgence of SARS-CoV 2 has been noticed in many parts of India and some areas of the State;

And whereas, COVID appropriate behavior and protocols are required to be observed scrupulously in order to prevent the transmission of the infection;

And whereas, the Government of Odisha in Revenue & Disaster Management (Disaster Management) vide its Order No.1663/R&DM(DM) dt.31.03.2021,1708/R &DM(DM) Dt.01.04.2021,1714/R &DM(DM) dt.03.04.2021 and No.1805/ R &DM(DM) dt.08.04.2021has issued stipulations in the interest of general public and for containment of COVID-19;

And whereas, the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs, has issued guidelines vide Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 23rd March,2021 for effective control of COVID-19 with effect from April 1st, 2021;

And whereas, the Government of Odisha in Revenue & Disaster Management (Disaster Management) vide its Order No.1968/R&DM(DM) dt.15.04.2021 has issued orders restricting and regulating certain activities:

And whereas, it is observed that the number of COVID-19 positive cases are showing increasing trend in some districts;

Therefore, with a view to ensuring strict social distancing and isolation to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Odisha in Revenue & Disaster Management (Disaster Management) Department, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 24(l) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 read with Rule 8(1) of the Odisha Disaster Management Rules,2010, in continuation and partial modification of all earlier orders, do hereby promulgate the following conditions/ stipulations in the State of Odisha:

A. Night Curfew

Night Curfew shall continue to be imposed in the districts of **Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, Bargarh, Bolangir, Nuapada, Kalahandi, Nowrangpur, Koraput and Malkangiri** from **6.00 PM to 5.00 AM** everyday (started from 6.00 PM of 17.04.2021).

However, Night curfew shall continue to be in force in all Urban areas of other districts of the State, from 9.00 PM to 5.00 AM everyday (imposed w.e.f. 9.00 PM of 17.04.2021).

During the night curfew, restrictions shall not apply to the following :

- District and Municipal Administration/ Police/ Government Officials on duty
- Doctors, Medical/ Paramedical Staff (Govt. & Private)
- All Emergency Services and Utilities such as Electricity, Telecom, Water Supply and Sanitation and Sewerage Services and movement of vehicles and staff
- Staff of IT &ITeS Companies on production their ID cards
- Any person, in case of medical or other emergency
- Owner/ staff of chemist shops
- All industrial units
- All construction activities
- Movement of public transport, private vehicles and taxis (including cabs by aggregators like Ola, Uber, etc.) to and from airports, railway station and bus terminals/ stands/ stops, for facilitating movement of passengers by air, rail and road
- Operation of hotels and hospitality units, including their associated offices, movement of staff and associated personnel
- Dhabas along National and State Highways/ Major roads for takeaway only
- Petrol pumps and CNG Stations
- Print and Electronic Media identified by Commissionerate/ District Police

B. Weekend shutdown

In the interest of public health and containment of spread of Covid-19 in the State, ***Weekend shutdown on Saturday and Sunday shall be imposed in all Urban areas of the State w.e.f 9PM of 24.04.2021.***

During the weekend shutdown all activities shall be closed except the following:

- All medical establishments including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, including medicine stores, movement of Ambulance and all medical personnel.
- District and Municipal Administration/ Police/ Fire Services
- Central & State Government officials on emergency duty
- Telecom services
- Petrol pumps
- LPG distribution, home delivery of cooking gas and associated facilities, associated personnel and vehicular movement
- Print and Electronic Media identified by Commissionerate/ District Police
- Water Supply, sanitation and sewerage workers
- Electricity supply and distribution
- Movement of goods and goods carriers, whether loaded or unloaded
- Industrial establishments, factories and construction activities
- Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary Services and allied activities, including procurement at Mandis

- Service sector industries, including IT/ ITeS, Hotel & Hospitality units. Operation of hotels and hospitality units, including their associated offices, movement of staff and associated personnel
- Movement of rail and air transport
- Road transport on highways, road movement of transiting vehicles
- Movement of Public Transport, private vehicles and taxis (including cabs by aggregators like Ola, Uber, etc.) to and from airports, railway station and bus terminals/ stands/ stops, for facilitating movement of passengers by air, rail and road
- Marriages and Funerals, with permission of local authority
- ATMs and critical financial institutions like RBI, Clearing Houses
- Operations of Airports, Railway Stations, Bus Terminals and their associated offices, movement of associated personnel and activities
- Home Delivery of food, groceries, vegetables and essential items by restaurants and aggregators such as Zomato, Swiggy, etc.
- Dhabas along National and State Highways/ Major roads for takeaway only
- Milk booths and related activities
- Food & Grocery stores such as Reliance Fresh, Big Bazaar, Chilika Fresh and others for home delivery only
- Newspaper hawkers between 5.00 am to 8.00 am only.

General guidance during Night Curfew and Weekend Shutdowns:

No pass would be required for movement of above category of persons. Valid Travel documents/ authorisations such as airline/ railway/ bus tickets/ boarding passes, with any identity proof shall be adequate for the purpose. Identity cards issued by appropriate authorities of the establishments shall serve as pass for effecting movement of employees of establishments under permitted activities. Patients and their attendants/ persons requiring emergency need for movement shall be allowed to move with minimal proof of their emergencies. Officers/ staff on duty shall be sensitized to appreciate the situation of persons on the road and take suitable action to facilitate movement on emergency needs.

C. Education

1. All Schools under the control/ superintendence/ supervision of Government of Odisha, are already closed with effect from 19.04.2021 until further orders. School and Mass Education Department will bring out detailed orders to this effect. However on- line classes may be conducted wherever feasible. All hostels shall also remain closed with effect from 19.04.2021. No Students shall be allowed to stay in Hostel under any circumstances.
2. Physical, Theory and Practical classes and examinations in all Higher Educational Institutions under the control / superintendence/ supervision of Government of Odisha, have been ordered to remain closed with effect from 19.04.2021. Students shall be advised to avoid staying in the hostel in the interest of their personal health. All such institutions shall take on line classes in order to complete the syllabus in time. Higher Education Department will bring out further detailed guidelines, if any.
3. All technical/ professional institutions under the jurisdiction of Skill Development and Technical Education Department, including the ITIs/ Polytechnics/ Diploma Colleges/ Technical Colleges and Universities, shall be closed with effect from 19.04.2021. The classes for all courses shall be conducted on line. SD&TE Department shall further take appropriate decision regarding timing and mode of examination. However, all ongoing

offline Diploma examinations, which shall be concluded on 26th April, 2021 shall be allowed to continue as per programme by complying to Covid appropriate behaviour. All Hostels/ Residential Accommodations of Technical Educational Institutions have been closed w.e.f 19.04.2021. Students shall be motivated not to stay in the hostel in the interest of their personal health. However, scholars, researchers and students who desire to stay in hostel for research/ project works or other academic activities may be permitted for the same upon giving undertaking and subject to approval by appropriate authorities of the concerned institutions. Skill Development and Technical Education Department will bring out further detailed guidelines, if any.

4. The Authorities of Schools/ Colleges/ Higher/ Technical Educational Institutions shall take all appropriate measures for conducting classes through online mode to complete the syllabus.
5. Teaching and non-teaching employees of Schools/ Higher/ Technical Educational Institutions shall work as per prevailing guidelines for government servants and perform duty such as taking online classes/ academic/ semi academic and administrative functions etc. as assigned to them by the Authorities.
6. Coaching Institutions/ Organisations/ Individuals offering coaching services to students have been ordered not run off-line/ physical coaching from 17.04.2021. However, virtual/ on-line coaching shall be permitted to continue.
7. All Anganwadi Centres shall remain closed, as ordered by W&CD Department. Take Home Ration or other alternate solutions as feasible may be worked out by the Department.

D. Social

Marriage, funeral/ last rites related gatherings shall be allowed, subject to the following conditions:

1. The numbers of persons allowed in a marriage function shall not be more than 50 (for the entire event) including hosts, guests, priests and catering and other support staff. Similarly, in case of funerals and last rites the ceiling on numbers of persons including host and family members, guests, priests and other support staff shall be twenty (20). Under no circumstances, the number of participants shall exceed the ceiling for the entire event.
2. No marriage procession shall be allowed. In case of violations of this condition, the vehicles and equipment and accessories used in the procession shall be seized and criminal action taken against the host/ owner of the band/ baja/ light/ sound service provider. Local authorities may, in addition to filing of criminal action under Epidemic Diseases Act, 1861, DM Act, 2006 and Indian Penal Code, suspend licenses up-to one(1) month, and impose penalties under relevant laws/ rules/ regulations.
3. The list of participants should be submitted to the local authorities at least 24 hours before the event. This said list shall be conspicuously displayed at prominent locations of the venue which can be easily read by public from a distance of ten (10) feet. If persons other than those declared before the local authorities and as such displayed are found present in the venue, it shall be considered as violations of the conditions of permission. Action as deemed proper under relevant sections of E.D Act, D.M Act and IPC shall be initiated against the owner of the venue as well as the host. Further Local Authorities may impose penalty on the host, and owner of the venue apart from taking such other action as sealing, seizure and levy of penalty under prevailing rules/ guidelines/ orders of the Local authorities.
4. Wearing of masks correctly, maintaining social distancing of at least six(6) feet between participants and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer shall be mandatory.

5. The owner of the venue as well as the host of the function shall be criminally liable for any violation and non-adherence of guidelines/ Covid-19 protocols.
6. The host of the marriage/ funeral function as well as the Venue owner shall make necessary arrangement for checking at the entry point and ensure wearing of mask by the guests/ others during the entire duration of their participation. Host shall make arrangement to provide masks to those who have not come with appropriate masks.
7. The Guidelines issued by the State Government vide Order No.4014/ R &DM(DM) dated 06.07.2020 read with No.139/ R &DM(DM) dated 12.01.2021 for marriage and funeral related functions during COVID-19 pandemic shall be strictly followed.

E. Religious/Social/ Cultural/ Political/ Academic

1. No Social/ Cultural/ Political/ religious/ Academic meetings/ congregations shall be allowed. All these activities are to be encouraged to be conducted on virtual mode.
2. No rallies/ Processions of any sort shall be allowed.
3. Religious rituals in temples/ churches/ Mosques/ places of worship shall be permitted with limited number of priests and staff adhering to Covid safety protocols. As regards to entry of devotees into such religious places, District Magistrates may, looking into the prevailing situation in the district and in consultation with relevant stakeholders ,impose any further restrictions as deemed proper.
4. Other social functions shall be avoided. Wherever such social functions, such as Birthday, Brata Ghar , Ekoisa, anniversary etc. shall have to be organized, they shall be organized within the house with only family members participating. No outside guests shall participate in any social functions. No outside venue (hotels,/ Kalyan Mandaps/ Resorts/ Clubs/ Association Buildings) shall allow any social functions conducted in their premises.
5. Offering of feast/ guest entertainment/ community feast of any kind shall be prohibited irrespective of number of persons attending.

F. Commercial

1. Haats and Markets including fish market shall be decentralized and allowed to operate with minimum 30 feet distance from shop to shop. The shopkeepers and the buyers shall mandatorily abide by the Covid safety protocols like social distancing, use of mask. The local authorities shall demarcate areas for this purpose. Any violation of COVID-19 protocols will attract closure/ sealing/ cancellation of license of the concerned shops.
2. Malls shall operate with reduced number of customers. The mall Owner shall ensure that persons entering malls are thoroughly screened for temperature, correct use of masks and physical distancing. No food court shall be open for seat- in dining. Only take away shall be allowed. No one shall be allowed to take/ consume food in the mall premises. It shall be the responsibility of the owner/ management of the mall to ensure that there is no over-crowding at any point of time within the shops and common areas.
3. It shall be the responsibility of all shop owners/shopkeepers and market associations to ensure that all their staff put on mask during the entire period of their stay in the shop premises. Under no circumstances, violation of this instruction will be tolerated.
4. All buyers/ visitors/ consumers coming to the shop shall mandatorily use mask correctly. The market association/ shop owners/ shop keepers shall ensure this in letter and spirit.
5. Number of visitors/ buyers to the shop shall be regulated by the market association/ shop owners/ shop keepers in such a way that a physical distance of 6(six) feet is maintained between buyer to buyer and buyer to shop keeper during the entire period of their stay in the shop.

6. The shop keepers shall make arrangement for thermal scanning and sanitizer/ hand washing for the buyers before allowing them to enter into the shop.
7. Over-crowding inside the shop shall not be allowed under any circumstances. Not adhering to the COVID safety protocols, or violating any previous orders regarding COVID safety regulations shall constitute offence under Disaster Management Act, 2005 and Epidemic Disease Act,1897. The trade licensing authorities may seal the shop and/ or suspend/ cancel the trade license for appropriate duration as per relevant rules/ guidelines / orders of the local authorities in case of violation of the COVID safety protocols.
8. The daily Hatts/ Markets/ Fish markets in addition to the above instructions shall ensure raising of barricades between them and the buyers so that a minimum six feet distance is maintained between them. A gap of twenty feet is to be maintained between two shops. It will be the responsibility of the shop keepers to put space marking for the buyers to ensure observance of COVID safety protocol during business hours. Anybody violating the space marking must not be provided with good and services by the shop keepers.
9. Hotels / Restaurants shall not allow outside persons (other than their in-house resident guests) to dine inside the hotel and its restaurants in due compliance of Covid-19 protocols. However, hotels/ restaurants can serve take away food to customers/ buyers/ clients. Further the hotels/ restaurants can take on-line orders and deliver take away food to the customers.
10. No Street Food Vendors shall serve food to consumers at the venue. They can, however, serve take away food to customers/ buyers/ clients. While clients/ consumers/ buyers come to such units for ordering take away food, the food stall/ joint owner shall ensure compliance of all Covid-19 protocols. Any deviation / non-compliance shall entail criminal action and penalty as per law and may make such unit liable for sealing/ closure and suspension/ cancellation of trade license and levy of penalty.

G. Transport

1. All Interstate bus services have been ordered to be suspended w.e.f 19.04.2021.
2. Intra -State buses shall run with seating capacity only. No standing passengers shall be allowed.
3. Taxi/ Cab/ Autorickshaw shall be allowed to operate with driver and two passengers.

H. Entertainment

1. Cinema Halls/Theatres are allowed to operate with up to 50% of the hall capacity with strict adherence to wearing of mask and physical distancing during the entire period of the show.
2. Entertainment parks/ Amusement parks / Merry-go-round (Doli) / Meena bazaar and related activities are allowed to operate within the ceiling of fifty (50) persons.Wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.
3. Jatra/ opera/ open air theatres shall not be allowed to operate.
4. The COVID protocols shall be strictly observed by the organisers of such facilities. Any violation of COVID-19 protocols shall attract closure, sealing and cancellation of license.
5. Permission for operation of above facilities/ gatherings shall be accorded by the respective District Magistrates/ Municipal Commissioners or other officers authorised by them.
6. District Magistrates/ Municipal Commissioners may impose any further restrictions in the interest of general health of the public.

I. Functioning of Offices

- a. **Govt. Offices:** Govt. offices shall function as per notification issued by GA&PG Department, Govt. of Odisha.
- b. **Banks and FIs:** Banks and Financial Institutions shall function with reduced manpower. Staffs may be encouraged to Work from Home, to the extent feasible.
- c. **Private Offices:** Private offices shall operate with reduced manpower and as far as feasible, adopt Work from Home (WfH) practice.
- d. **Obligation of Heads of Offices:** All offices, Government and Private, must ensure adherence to the SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in offices issued by Department of H&FW, Government of Odisha.
- e. Staggering of work/ business hours will be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.
- f. **Screening & hygiene:** Provision for thermal screening, hand wash and sanitizer will be made at all entry and exit points and common areas.
- g. 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.
- h. **Physical distancing:** All persons in charge of workplaces will ensure adequate distance between workers, adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff, etc.

J. Strict enforcement of the guidelines

All the District Magistrates/ Municipal Commissioners/ Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack shall strictly enforce the above measures. District Magistrates/ Municipal Commissioners/ Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack may, looking into the prevailing situation, order additional restrictions as deemed appropriate.

K. Penal provisions

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Regulations issued thereunder besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC and other legal provisions as applicable.

L. General


All additional restrictions imposed vide this order shall take effect from 21.04.21 and this order shall remain effective till 15th May, 2021.

By order of the Governor


19/4/2021
Chief Secretary, Odisha

Memo No. 2058 /R&DM(DM) Date:19.04.2021

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19.04.2021

Special Relief Commissioner &
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.
(Disaster Management)

Memo No. 2059 /R&DM(DM) Date:19.04.2021


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