

**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.378/2021/DMD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 21/04/2021

- Read 1. GO(Rt)No.364/2021/DMD dated 13/04/2021.
2. GO(Rt)No.371/2021/DMD dated 17/04/2021.
3. GO(Rt)No.375/2021/DMD dated 19/04/2021.

ORDER

A steady increase in the number of Covid19 cases is seen reported in the State 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.

2) Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in the capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee, hereby issues the following directions/guidelines to contain COVID 19 transmission in the State until further orders.

1. Covid protocols shall be strictly followed in all public places including beaches, parks, railway stations, bus stations, airports, market places etc.
2. The timing of functioning of takeaways from restaurants can be extended by DDMA's to facilitate breaking of fast during Ramzan.
3. All educational institutions (Public/private) including music/art schools, coaching institutions are directed to conduct classes only in the online mode. All Summer vacation camps shall be closed. Hostels are permitted to function strictly adhering Covid protocols.
4. 24th April, 2021 (Saturday) will be a holiday for all Government Offices, banks, Public Sector Undertakings and Cooperative institutions.
5. Only essential services and emergency activities (**list appended**) shall be allowed on 24th and 25th April 2021.
6. All Government Offices (except those dealing with emergency and essential services, Covid containment and management activities, field staff of excise and

forest departments) to allow upto 50% staff on rotation basis to Work from Home. Such staff of Government offices without e-office facility shall be deployed for Covid duty as per duty roster prepared by the District Collectors.

7. All private offices/ organizations/institutions/companies shall function with minimal strength as far as possible on work from home basis.
8. No restrictions shall be binding on any staff deputed on Election, Examination or Covid duty .
9. Higher Secondary Examination scheduled on 24th April will be conducted as planned.

(By order of the Governor)

DR. V P JOY

CHIEF SECRETARY

All Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries

All Heads of Departments including State Police Chief

The Commissioner, Land Revenue

The Commissioner, Disaster Management

All District Collectors

All District Police Chiefs

The Member Secretary, KSDMA, Observatory Hills, Vikas Bhavan P.O,
Thiruvananthapuram.

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PS to Chief Minister

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Special Secretary to Chief Secretary

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Section Officer

Essential and emergency activities permitted on 24th and 25th April.

- (1) All State and Central Government offices and their Autonomous bodies, Corporations. etc. dealing with emergency and essential services and COVID 19 containment and management duties shall be fully functional and officers/personnel of the same shall be allowed unrestricted movement.
- (2) All Industries/Companies/Organizations dealing with emergency and essential services and requiring operations 24*7 shall be permitted to operate. Movement of employees of such organizations shall be allowed on producing valid ID card issued by their respective Organization/Institution.
- (3) Employees and vehicles of Telecom and Internet Service providers shall be allowed movement on producing valid ID card issued by their respective organization/institution. Only essential staff/employees of IT and ITeS companies/organisations shall work from office.
- (4) Patients and their attendants/persons requiring emergency need, eligible people intending to take vaccination shall be allowed movement with minimal proof.
- (5) Only neighbourhood shops dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish allowed to function. Home delivery of essential items shall be encouraged to minimize movement of individuals outside their homes. Operations shall be performed subject to COVID 19 protocol.
- (6) Restaurant and eateries shall be allowed only for take away and home delivery.
- (7) Movement of long distance bus services, trains and air travel are permitted. Movement of Public Transport, private vehicles and taxis (including cabs by aggregators) to and from airports, railway stations and bus terminals/stops/stands is allowed for facilitating movement of passengers by air, rail and road. The movement will be allowed only on displaying valid travel documents/tickets and strictly adhering to COVID protocol.
- (8) Marriages and housewarming ceremonies registered in Covid Jagratha Portal are permitted strictly adhering to COVID protocols.