

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB  
DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS & JUSTICE**

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries
2. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State
3. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State
4. All the Zonal IGPs, Commissioners of Police, DIGs and SSPs in the State.

No.SS/ACSH/2020/470

Dated: Chandigarh, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

**Subject: Guidelines for phased reopening (Lockdown-5-Unlock 1) – Phase 1 - Places of Worship, Hotels, Restaurants & other Hospitality Services and Shopping Malls.**

This is in continuation to Punjab Government guidelines issued vide this office letter No.SS/ACSH/2020/456 of 31.05.2020 vide which MHA guidelines of 30.05.2020 to be followed during the period 01.06.2020 to 30.06.2020 were circulated for compliance.

2. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India, vide its guidelines of 30.05.2020 provided for opening of places of worship, hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services and shopping malls w.e.f 08.06.2020 as per the SOPs of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India. The SOPs have since been issued by MoHFW vide its Office Memorandum No. F.No.z.28015/19/2020-EMR(Pt.) of 04.06.2020, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

3. Accordingly, places of worship and religious places, hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services and shopping malls are allowed to open w.e.f. 08.06.2020. The management of these institutions would abide by the relevant SOPs. In addition, the managements would also abide by the guidelines of the Punjab Government as elaborated in the following paragraphs.

**4. Additional restrictions/Guidelines of the State Government:** The managements of these institutions would comply with the following guidelines of the State Government in addition to the SOPs of the MoHFW:-

**I. Shopping Malls:**

- (i) Every person entering the mall shall have COVA app on their phone. But in case of a family, one person having COVA app shall be permitted to enter the mall. Loitering in the mall will not be allowed.

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- (ii) Entry into the mall shall be based on a token system to adhere to the maximum capacity. Ideally, a maximum time limit for a person / a group of persons entering the mall, should also be enforced.
- (iii) The maximum capacity of the persons allowed in each shop in the mall shall be fixed on the basis of maintenance of 6 feet distance (2 gaz ki duri) i.e. an area of approx. 10x10 for each person entering the shop. Further, an additional 25% shall be allowed for common areas to determine the total capacity of the mall.
- (iv) The management shall be responsible for ensuring the maximum capacity of the mall and of each shop displayed and no more than 50 percent of the maximum capacity shall at any point of time enter the mall/ be present in any single shop.
- (v) Each shop shall have markers to indicate social distancing for those waiting to enter.
- (vi) Lifts shall not be used except in case of disabled persons or in medical emergency. Escalators may only be used, with distancing.
- (vii) Trial of clothing/ accessories shall not be permitted.
- (viii) The health team of the districts shall regularly check the employees working in the shops of the mall.
- (ix) Restaurants/ Food Courts shall not operate in any of the malls except for takeaway/ home-delivery.
- (x) The managements of these places shall make adequate arrangements to ensure hand hygiene, social distancing and wearing of masks.

## II. Restaurants:

- (i) Restaurants shall only be allowed to open for take away and home delivery as of now. **There would be no 'dine-in' facility till further orders.** Home delivery may be allowed till 8 pm. The situation shall be reviewed on 15.06.2020.
- (ii) The managements of these places shall make adequate arrangements to ensure hand hygiene, social distancing and wearing of masks.

## III. Hotels and other Hospitality Units:

- (i) Hotel restaurants shall remain closed and food shall be served only in the rooms for hotel guests. The situation shall be reviewed on 15.06.2020.
- (ii) Night curfew shall strictly be enforced and movement of individuals shall only be permissible from 5 am to 9 pm
- (iii) However, the guest would be allowed to enter and leave the hotel premises between 9 pm to 5 am based on their schedule of travel by flight/ train. The air/ train ticket would serve as a curfew pass for one-time movement of these guests to and from the Hotel during the curfew hours (9 pm to 5 am).

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- (iv) The managements of these places shall make adequate arrangements to ensure hand hygiene, social distancing and wearing of masks.

**IV. Places of Worship/ Religious Places:**

- (i) Places of Worship/ Religious Places shall remain open only between 5 am to 8 pm.
- (ii) The maximum number of persons at the time of worship shall not exceed 20 with due distancing, and therefore the worship time should staggered in smaller groups.
- (iii) The managements of these places shall make adequate arrangements to ensure hand hygiene, social distancing and wearing of masks.
- (iv) There shall be no distribution of prasad, food and serving of food/ langar.

**5. Penal provisions:**

Any violation of these guidelines and lockdown measures shall be punishable under sections 51 to 60 of the Disaster management Act, 2005 besides legal action under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (IPC).

6. It is reiterated that the State Government guidelines and SOPs of MoHFW, GOI shall not be diluted in any way and these shall be strictly followed by the institutions. The district authorities may, however, impose additional restrictions, as deemed necessary, based on their assessment of the local situation.

7. Please acknowledge and ensure compliance.

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