

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
CHAMBA, DISTRICT CHAMBA
(HIMACHAL PRADESH)
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No. CBA-DA-32 (I)/2020 - ¹⁹³⁷⁶/₄₅₂ Dated: Chamba, the 9th September, 2020.

Whereas, the State Government has issued the directions to all concerned to ensure strict implementation of the directions/guidelines issued by Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India on dated 04.06.2020 on the opening of religious places/worship places.

Whereas, the Department of Language, Art and Culture vide order No. LCD-B (12)-1/2017 dated 05.09.2020 has issued SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in religious places/places of worship and directed district authorities to ensure its implementation w.e.f.10 September, 2020.

Therefore, I Vivek Bhatia District Magistrate Chamba in pursuance of above said order do hereby order to open the activities in religious places/places of worships as per the annexure A-1 w.e.f. 10th September, 2020 till further orders. The SOPs as annexed at Annexure I & II shall be strictly followed & implemented for the same. Further, the District Language Officer is directed to ensure that strict implementation/compliance/ adherence of the SOP is done in the religious places/places of worship.

Issued under my hand and seal on 8th day of September, 2020



Vivek Bhatia (IAS),
District Magistrate,
Chamba, District Chamba HP.

Endst. As above.

Dated 09.09.2020

Copy forwarded to the: -

1. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary (Health) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla.
3. The Additional Chief Secretary (Personnel) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla.
4. The Divisional Commissioner, Kangra at Dharamsala.
5. The Superintendent of Police, Chamba.
6. The District Language Officer, Chamba District Chamba HP.
7. All the Head of Offices in Chamba District for information and necessary action immediately.
8. Guard File.



District Magistrate,
Chamba, District Chamba HP.

SOP's for religious places

1. Sanitization of frequently touched surfaces shall be done frequently with sodium hypochlorite solution (1%).
2. The bells may be removed, if feasible or be covered with the clothes to escape the touching by devotees.
3. Pilgrims/visitors should be prohibited/ from entering the sanctum/sanctorum (Garb Grih) of the religious premises.
4. No one shall be allowed to stand for more than a minute in front of the deities.
5. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with comorbidities, pregnant woman and Children below the age of 10 years will not be allowed to stand up in the queues or enter the religious places.
6. District Administration shall appeal to pilgrims to visit religious places only if necessary otherwise stay home and enjoy live darshan/Arti/online Darshan.
7. The movement in the worship hall/premises will not be allowed and if necessary shall be restricted to minimum by barricading.
8. LED Screens at different locations for live Darshan shall be placed, if feasible.
9. An isolation room will be created near the place of religious worship for isolating the symptomatic person(s). Symptomatic persons will be isolated in this room and concerned medical authorities shall be contacted for sampling and further isolation at appropriate facility.

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10. The concerned Chief Medical Officer will make arrangements through local health institution for testing of persons with symptoms in emergency as per protocol of Health Department.
11. No Puja ritual involving touching of devotees shall be done by Pujaris or any other person.
12. No events such as singing of devotional songs, marriages or mundane ceremonies shall be allowed in religious premises.
13. Screening counters at different locations shall be arranged as per requirement.
14. Over night stay in the premises of religious places shall not be allowed.
15. CCTV Cameras for monitoring and recording of daily visitors shall be installed, if feasible.
16. Special provisions for Divyangs for darshan shall be made.
17. No havans/or large gatherings shall be allowed inside the religious place.
18. Adequate stocks of 3 ply masks shall be maintained by the concerned administration.
19. The possibilities may be explored for creation of hand washing facilities at main location and touch free soap dispensers be arranged to avoid the physical contacts.
20. The common place for water logging for dipping feet and taking dip in Sarovar is to be avoided.
21. The provision of hand sanitizer dispensers (not involving touching) shall be made inside and around the places of religious places including at entry & exit gates.

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- xxiii. Frequent cleaning and disinfection to be maintained by the management of the religious place.
- xxiv. The floors should particularly be cleaned multiple times in the premises.
- xxv. Proper disposal of face covers / masks / gloves left over by visitors and/or employees should be ensured.
- xxvi. In case of a suspect or confirmed case in the premises:
- a. Place the ill person in a room or area where they are isolated from others.
 - b. Provide a mask/face cover till such time he/she is examined by a doctor.
 - c. Immediately inform the nearest medical facility (hospital/clinic) or call the state or district helpline.
 - d. A risk assessment will be undertaken by the designated public health authority (district RRT/treating physician) and accordingly further action be initiated regarding management of case, his/her contacts and need for disinfection.
 - e. Disinfection of the premises to be taken up if the person is found positive.

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