



**GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE CUM CHAIRMAN
DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (DDMA)
CHAMBA (H.P.)**

No. CBA-Relief-3(36)-2020/904-1003

Dated: 13th April 2021

ORDER

Whereas, the Chairman State Executive Committee (SEC) cum Chief Secretary to the Government of HP after a careful review of the recent spike in COVID-19 vide Order No. Rev (DMC) (C) 20-02/2021-COVID-19-III dated 12th April 2021 (**Copy enclosed**) has issued additional directions to contain and arrest the spread of COVID-19;

Now, therefore, I, D C Rana (IAS), District Magistrate, Chamba in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, and in compliance of the above said Order of SEC and in continuance of this office order of even no. dated 07th April 2021, do hereby, order that the following directions for Surveillance, Containment and Caution shall be strictly implemented by all the Magistrate, Police Officers, Officers of the Local Authorities and other Departments to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the District Chamba in addition to the order of SEC *ibid*: -

1. **“No Mask-No Service”** policy in the District shall continue to be observed. People with face cover/mask will only be allowed to board public/private transport and enter any other government or private establishment for availing any service/goods.
2. There shall be ban on the organisation of melas in the District. All *Langars/Bhandaras* inside and around temples/place of worships are prohibited. However, pilgrims/devotees may be allowed to enter sanctum sanatorium for offering Puja/Darshan with due adherence of SOPs issued in this regard by the department or district administration.

3. In social/ academic/ sports/entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political gatherings and other congregations, the following provisions are mandatory-
- (a) In open spaces/grounds, in areas outside the Containment Zones, keeping the size of the ground/space in view, number of persons allowed will be 50 % of the capacity subject to **maximum of 200** persons and as may be notified and amended by the SEC from time to time, with strict observance of social distancing, mandatory wearing of face covers/ masks, provision of thermal scanning and hand washing or sanitization. This condition of upper limit of 200 shall however, be governed as per the SEC order dated 12th April 2021 for official/administrative functions.
 - (b) In closed spaces, in areas outside the Containment Zones, number of persons allowed shall be 50 % of the hall capacity subject to **maximum of 50**. Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing, provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory in all such venues.
 - (c) In gatherings where community kitchen or *Dhaam/Langars*, or professional catering is to be arranged, the managers and catering staff as far as possible will be required to undergo tests through Rapid Antigen/RT-PCR test kits for COVID-19 with the help of local health officials not earlier than 96 hours before the event. The cooking staff will ensure no cooking without masks, gloves and head cover. There will be prohibition on *langars* in closed premises and cooking by non-tested staff. The organisers will also ensure adherence to the highest level of personal and environmental hygiene all the times, especially at the time of preparing, serving/eating meals and disposal of the waste etc.
 - (d) All such gatherings will be organized with the prior permission of the District Administration. The application may be made for permission through the <https://covid.hp.gov.in> website only and 'Sub – Divisional Magistrates' shall keep a close watch on such gatherings and ensure to implement the SOPs especially in relation to social distancing and face cover/wearing of masks. Sub – Divisional Magistrates while granting permissions to the organizers, may impose additional conditions, as may deem fit, to contain the spread of COVID-19.

- (e) The detail of permissions granted for gathering shall also be shared with BDOs, Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) apart from the officer-in-charge of police stations in the District by the concerned SDM.
 - (f) All the office bearers of the PRIs/ULBs as the case may be, shall ensure that all the SOPs including wearing of mask, social distancing, home isolation, public gathering, etc. issued by the State Government are strictly adhered to. They will visit and coordinate with the event organizers prior to the event that only the permitted number of the persons should attend the event with strict compliance of COVID-19 directives. Any violations of the directives in this regard shall be brought to the notice of the District Administration forthwith.
 - (g) Organizers shall be responsible to ensure compliance of these conditions & other SOPs issued, failing which they will be liable to be prosecuted or fine shall be imposed upon them.
 - (h) All the Sub-Divisional Magistrates shall be the Responsible Officers for effective implementation of COVID-19 prevention guidelines issued by the SEC vide order dated 16-10-2020, and as modified from time to time, for organisation of social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political and other congregations and shall ensure monitoring thereof through Executive Magistrates under their respective control. They shall also ensure that strict action is initiated against violators as per law.
4. As per the guidelines of MHA it is very important to follow “**TEST-TRACK-TREAT**” protocol in letter and spirit. The protocol includes aggressive testing and tracking COVID-19 positive cases, creation of Containment/Micro-containment zones so that timely isolation and medical intervention is provided to the positive cases. **Contact tracing cell established at DEOC will help tract the primary contacts and if need be this arrangement may be implemented at Sub Division Level to be overseen by the concerned SDM.**
5. All educational institutions/ schools/ colleges/ universities/ institutions will continue to remain closed up to 21.04.2021. The Heads of the institutions may however, require the presence of teaching/non-

teaching staff as per the administrative needs of the institutions. All coaching centres and nursing/medical/dental colleges will remain open and ensure observance of the COVID-19 SOPs issued by respective departments. Schools/ Institutions having residential facilities need not close their hostel facilities but must observe SOPs issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India for COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.

6. The educational institutions that are earmarked as examination centres shall be properly sanitized prior to examinations. **Head of such School/ educational institutions shall act as compliance officer for this purpose.**
7. From 16.04.2021 onwards, all persons intending to visit the District for tourism related activities, from COVID-19 high load States Like: **Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Punjab** by road, air and trains are advised to carry negative **RT-PCR test** report for COVID-19 from an ICMR accredited/approved laboratory, issued not earlier than **72 hours**.
8. There shall be ban on organisation of gatherings like **Kirtan/ Jagran/ Jagrata, etc.** inside and around places of religious worship. If such gatherings are to be organized at other places conditions prescribed at serial no. 3 above shall be followed.
9. Organizers shall be responsible to ensure compliance of these conditions & other SOPs issued, failing which they will be liable to prosecuted or fine shall be imposed upon them.
10. Sub Divisional Magistrates & Deputy Superintendents of Police along with PRIs and ULBs shall monitor the compliance of these orders in all events being held in their jurisdiction. Further organisers of all such events shall compulsorily seek permission through <https://covid.hp.gov.in/> in portal.
11. All the stakeholder departments/ Officers shall ensure that implementation of the **District COVID-19 Action plan** circulated by the CMO Chamba vide his office letter No. 20174-20223 dated 20.11.2020. Action taken report by all concerned Departments be sent to the District Emergency Operation Center (DEOC) every Monday.
12. All the stakeholder departments/Officers shall ensure strict implementation of the **COVID-19 Containment Strategy** as detailed below. Action taken report by all concerned Departments be sent to

the District Emergency Operation Center (DEOC) every Monday at ddmachamba@gmail.com.

Containment Strategy

Sr. No.	Activity	Suggestive Action Plan	Responsible Officer (s)
1	Containment Zones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of Zone 	SDM
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of Hot Spots Aggressive testing in Hotspots Containment Measures in Hotspots 	SDM and BOM
3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement of Notification & Deployment of Police Personnel 	SDPO/SHO
4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Random Sampling/Sampling in Containment Zone 	BMO
5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordination for Making available essential services/ items in Containment Zones 	SDM
6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IEC Activities in Containment Zones 	BMO
7	Sampling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Random Sampling from people involved in essential services Random Samples from Markets, offices and other private establishments Formation of Sampling Teams to different areas 	BMO
8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Protection to Sampling Team & Deployment of at least 2 police personnel with the Team 	SDPO/ SHO
9	Contact Tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact tracing of positive cases within 48 hours Testing of primary contacts Random Sampling of infected area Extensive testing in areas severely affected 	BMO to be assisted by SDM with his field officials
10	Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sending daily / weekly reports to DEOC 	All concerned officers

Enforcement of COVID Appropriate Behaviour

Sr. No.	Location	Suggestive Action Plan	Responsible Officer (s)
1	Market Places & Other crowded places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deployment of Police for enforcement 	SDPO/SHO
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deployment of Officials / Volunteers 	SDM
3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Patrolling by Magistrates and Police – at least once a week 	SDM & SDPO/SHO
4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Random Sampling/ Sampling from markets & other crowded places 	BMO
5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement of Availability of Hand Sanitizers in Shops and other places like Banks, etc. 	SDM & SDPO/SHO Owner of the Shop / Establishment
6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring order in market place – proper parking of vehicles, removal of encroachment of public space, ensuring orderly entry and exit to shops / establishment • No mask, No Service 	Magistrate & Police Eos / Secretaries ULBs
7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challan for Violation 	SDPO / SHO
8	Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixing Responsibility for compliance in offices • Regular surprise checks by HOO in Branches • No Mask, No service 	All HODs
9	IEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display of hoardings • Miking in crowded and public places by LPG vans and other modes • Education of Masses • Use of Social Media • Putting Policeman Cut-outs 	As already indicated in District COVID Action Plan
10	Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily / weekly report to DEOC 	All concerned officers

13. In addition, for compliance of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and the policy of “**No Mask No Service**” the following officers are appointed as Compliance/Responsible officers: -

Sr. No.	Location	Responsible/Compliance Officers
1.	Market areas	Concerned SHO
2.	Commercial and private establishment	District Labour Officer, Chamba
3.	Offices	Concerned Head of departments/Office
4.	Banks	LDM and respective Branch Manager
5.	Private buses, taxis, Trucks	Regional Transport Officer
6.	HRTC Buses	RM-HRTC
7.	Mines and mineral production and their transportation activities	District Mining Officer Chamba
8.	Industries/Industrial establishment	General Manager, DIC, Chamba
9.	MGNREGA and development works in Panchayats	Pardhan and Panchayat Secretary under overall supervision of BDO concerned
10	Development at works in MC/ULB areas	EO/Secretary of the ULB concerned
11	Hotels, Homestays, Restaurants and other tourism institutions	District Tourism Development Officer, Chamba
12	Religious Institutions/ places	District Language Officer, Chamba
13	Pt. JLN Medical College, Chamba	Medical Superintendent, Pt. JLN Medical College Chamba
14	Skill Development Institutes	District Employment Officer & HP KVN Co-ordinator
15	Educational Institutions	Concerned Head of the Institutions
16	Residential Hostels such as Medical Students hostels, schools, hostels, residential schools, etc	Concerned Head of the Institutions
17	Bal Ashrams	Concerned Head of the Institutions under overall supervision of DPO-ICDS
18	Micro containment zone in Panchayat	Pradhan & ward members of the concerned Panchayat
19	Micro containment zone in ULBs	President & ward of the concerned ULB councillor

14. The above-mentioned offices shall ensure compliance of COVID appropriate behaviour and ensure pasting of “**No mask-No service**” boards wherever applicable in all establishment under their jurisdiction. They shall also ensure to carry out regular inspection of their in-charge locations. Further the respective Sub- Divisional Magistrates and Deputy Superintendents of Police shall also monitor the compliance of above orders in their jurisdiction through the

respective Compliance/Responsible officers and share reports/minutes of meetings with DEOCs every Monday.

15. Any person violating these measures/directions will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Sections 51-60 of Disaster Management Act, 2005 besides legal action under section 111, 114 & 115 of HP Police Act, 2007 and section 188 of IPC, and other legal provision as applicable.

This order shall come into enforce with immediate effect and shall remain valid, till further orders.

Issued under my hand and seal on 13th April 2021.



**(D C Rana, IAS),
District Magistrate,
Chamba, District Chamba HP.**

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Copy forwarded to: -

1. The Chief Secretary cum Chairman SEC, to the Government of HP for information please.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary (Home, Revenue & Health) to the Government of HP for information please.
3. The Divisional Commissioner, Kangra at Dharmshala for information please.
4. The Superintendent of Police Chamba, for information and necessary action.
5. All the SDMs in Chamba District for information and necessary action.
6. All the Tehsildar/Naib Tehsildars in District Chamba for information and necessary action.
7. The District Public Relation Officer Chamba, for information and necessary action.
8. The DIO Chamba for uploading the same for information and necessary action.

9. All the head of the Offices in Chamba for information and necessary action.
10. Guard file.



**District Magistrate,
Chamba, District Chamba HP.**