



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

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ORDER

Whereas, SARS CoV-2 infection continues spreading in different areas in the State;

And whereas, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (GoI) has issued guidelines vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29th April, 2021, Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 27th May, 2021, Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29th June, 2021 and Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 28th July, 2021 for effective control of COVID-19;

And whereas, the Government of Odisha vide Revenue & Disaster Management (Disaster Management) Department Order No.3985/R&DM(DM) dated 15th July, 2021 imposed partial lockdown in different districts in the State of Odisha considering the case positivity rate, average case load, industrial & commercial activities and flow of floating population and other relevant factors until 6:00 AM of 1st August, 2021 (Sunday) with a view to ensuring strict social distancing and isolation to contain the spread of COVID-19;

Now, therefore, with a view to protecting the health of the public along with normalising the economic activities, in supersession of all previous orders of Revenue & Disaster Management (DM) Department in this regard, the Government of Odisha do hereby impose the following stipulations/ instructions for graded unlocking which shall be effective from **6.00 AM of 1st August, 2021(Sunday) till 6.00 AM of 1st September, 2021(Wednesday).**

Strategy for containing the infection:

- A. 5 fold strategy** such as **Testing, Tracking, Treatment, Vaccination and Adherence to COVID appropriate behaviour** shall be adopted for containing the spread of infection. Micro containment measures shall be undertaken by local authorities i.e. District Collector & Municipal Commissioners, examining very carefully the spread of infection, case positivity, hospital infrastructure and local conditions, with a view to minimizing the spread through effective micro-containment. While working on the containment framework, the concerned authorities shall carefully determine the area which shall be brought under micro-containment. The clinical management and vaccination shall be given adequate importance and a detailed strategy and action plan shall be worked out

by local administration. The local authorities shall be guided in this regard by Annexure 1.

B. Operational guidelines in containment zones

- i. **In these containment zones, the activities allowed under these guidelines will not be permitted.** There shall be strict perimeter control in the area of the containment zones to ensure that there is no unchecked inward/outward movement of population from these zones except for maintaining essential services (including medical emergencies and law and order related duties) and Government business continuity. The guidelines issued in this regard by MoHFW will be strictly implemented.
 - ii. If any new area included in the category of containment zone, the activities allowed in that area till the time of its categorization as a containment zone, will be suspended, except for those activities which are specifically permitted under consolidated revised guidelines.
 - iii. The activities allowed under these guidelines will be withdrawn immediately, if any of the stipulations are violated, risking the spread of COVID-19. All entities, in the Government and private sectors, and members of public should follow the guidelines strictly.
 - iv. **Unlocking:** There shall be graded unlocking throughout the State with effect **from 6:00 AM of 1st August, 2021 (Sunday) till 6.00 AM of 1st September 2021 (Wednesday).**
 - v. **Night curfew shall remain operational across the State from 8.00 PM to 6.00 AM everyday.**
 - vi. **Weekend Shutdown: Weekend shutdown shall remain in force in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Puri towns.** All offices/ agencies of the State Govt. & Central Govt. in these towns shall function as per the directions of Government in GA & PG Department, Odisha & Govt. of India respectively during weekend shutdown.
 - vii. **Vaccination & Testing:** During weekend shutdown vaccination shall continue in places as notified by H & FW Department from time to time and Testing shall continue as per H & FW Department guidelines & time schedule.
- C.** During unlock period, All types of shops & malls shall remain open across the State from **6.00 AM to 8.00 PM** every day and in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Puri Towns on weekdays.

It shall be the responsibility of the Mall Authorities/ shop owner(s)/ Market Associations to ensure that COVID appropriate behaviour are followed strictly by himself/ herself, and the customers. The owner shall make arrangement by deploying his/ her staff to prevent crowding by customers inside and outside the shop. Proper social distancing demarcations in and outside shop shall be displayed by the shop owner and COVID appropriate social distancing shall be ensured by him/her. In case of violation, local authorities can take strict action including criminal action under relevant acts including Disaster Management Act, 2005. Such violation shall entail sealing of such shops for a period as decided by the local authorities.

D. During unlock the following activities are prohibited:

- a. All Religious/ political/ cultural gatherings shall remain prohibited.
- b. Exhibitions/ Trade Fairs/ Melas shall remain prohibited.

E. During unlock the following activities are allowed/ permitted with restrictions:

- a. Sea beaches, Parks shall remain open. Wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.
- b. All Aahaar Kendras shall operate normally with on spot eating complying with COVID-19 safety protocols.
- c. All Malls are allowed to open with regulated number of customers observing strict adherence to COVID appropriate behaviour such as Wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer.
- d. Restaurants, bars and dhabas shall remain open with 50% seating capacity with compliance of COVID-19 safety protocols.
- e. All Cinema halls, theatres, auditoriums and assembly halls etc. shall remain open with 50% seating capacity only following COVID safety protocols.

Explanation: However, in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Puri towns, for entry into the facilities indicated in 'c', 'd', 'e' above, adults shall be required to produce final vaccination certificate. It shall be the responsibility of the owner(s)/ manager(s) of such facilities to ensure the same.

In case of violation, local authorities can take strict action including criminal action under relevant acts including Disaster Management Act, 2005. Such violation shall entail sealing of such facilities for a period as decided by the local authorities.

- f. Street food vendors shall be allowed to operate with on spot eating in compliance with COVID-19 safety protocols.
- g. Daily and weekly haats shall remain open with strict adherence to COVID appropriate behaviour.

The Collectors/ Municipal Commissioners shall make all efforts to disperse the vegetable/street vendors in such a manner so that appropriate social distancing shall be maintained. Any violation of COVID-19 protocols will attract closure/ sealing/ cancellation of license of the concerned shops.

- h. Inter-State & Intra-State public transport by buses shall remain functional with seating capacity only.

