



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

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**ORDER**

Whereas, SARS CoV-2 infection continues to be active 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 29<sup>th</sup> April,2021, Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 27<sup>th</sup> May,2021, Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29<sup>th</sup> June,2021,Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 28<sup>th</sup> July,2021 and Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 28<sup>th</sup> August,2021 for effective control of COVID-19;

And whereas, the Government of Odisha vide Revenue & Disaster Management (Disaster Management) Department Order No.4290/R&DM(DM) dated 31st July, 2021 had imposed stipulations/ instructions for graded unlocking until 6:00 AM of 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2021 (Wednesday)for effective control of COVID-19;

Now, therefore, with a view to protecting the health of the public and preventing spread of Covid-19 along with normalising the economic activities, in supersession of all previous orders of Revenue & Disaster Management (DM) Department in this regard excepting those specifically mentioned/ referred, the Government of Odisha do hereby impose the following stipulations/ instructions for graded unlocking which shall be effective from **6.00 AM of 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2021 (Wednesday) till 6.00 AM of 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 (Friday).**

**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 is 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 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2021(Wednesday) till 6.00 AM of 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021(Friday).**
- v. **Night curfew shall be imposed in all urban areas of the State from 10.00 PM to 5.00 AM every day.**
- vi. **Weekend Shutdown: There shall be no weekend shutdown across the State.**
- vii. **Vaccination & Testing:** 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 may remain open across the State from **5.00 AM to 10.00 PM** every day.

*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. All activities and establishments shall remain **fully functional** with the following stipulations and exclusions:

- a. All Social/ Religious/ political/ cultural gatherings shall remain prohibited.
- b. Exhibitions/ Trade Fairs/ Melas shall remain prohibited.
- c. Auditoriums/ assembly halls/ similar facilities shall remain open only for official meetings as per the seating capacity adhering to COVID safety protocols. No social/ religious/ cultural/ political gatherings & meetings shall be allowed in such facilities.

*Permission for such meetings shall be accorded by the respective District Magistrates/ Municipal Commissioners/ Police Commissioner, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack or other officers authorised by them. Provided that the respective District Collector/ Municipal Commissioner/ Police Commissioner, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack may further restrict the number of persons to be allowed in such functions/ gatherings keeping the local situation in mind in the interest of the health of the people and issue specific order in that regard.*

- d. Information Centre-cum-Reading Rooms/ libraries shall remain open. The concerned authorities/ in charge of such centres/ libraries should adhere to COVID- 19 safety protocols.
- e. Marriages, thread Ceremony/ Bratopanayan, funerals, last rites and related gatherings with approval from local authorities shall be allowed with a ceiling of 250 persons (for the entire event) including hosts, guests, priests and catering and other support staff with adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols subject to the following conditions:

(i) Under no circumstances, the number of participants shall exceed the ceiling for the entire event.

(ii) In closed spaces, subject to the above ceilings such number of persons shall be allowed as would be feasible to follow Covid protocols.

(iii) In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ open space in view, appropriate number of persons will be allowed, subject to the above ceilings, so as to ensure maintenance of prescribed physical distancing norm.

(iv) **Marriage processions shall be allowed with due prior written approval from competent authorities subject to the ceiling 50 participants including bridegroom, priest, friends, relatives, guests, members of band party, light & sound systems etc.** The number of persons in marriage procession shall count towards the above said ceiling of 250 persons.

(v) All other conditions/ stipulations for marriage, funeral and last rites related gatherings shall be followed as per the Government guidelines released vide Revenue and Disaster Management (DM) Department letter No. 2321/ R&DM(DM) dt. 30.04.2021.

