

No. SML-ADM (L&O)/COVID-19-3109-3126  
Office of the District Magistrate,  
Shimla, District Shimla (HP)

Dated Shimla-1, the

28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

**Order U/S 34 of National Disaster Management Act, 2005.**

**Whereas**, the Chief Secretary-cum-Chairperson, SEC Himachal Pradesh has vide Order No. Rev (DMC)(C)20-2/2020-COVID-19 dated 28-11-2020 has issued revised directions to contain the risk of COVID-19 in the state.

**Whereas**, the current situation of upcoming COVID-19 cases and deaths occurring in the district due to this deadly virus warrant additional measures to mitigate the ongoing threat to the public health and safety.

**And therefore**, I, Aditya Negi, IAS, District Magistrate, Shimla, in supersession of this office order No SML-ADM (L&O)/COVID-19-3037-3058 dated 24-11-2020, exercising the power vested in me U/S 34 of the National Disaster Management Act, 2005 do hereby order regulations in respect of various activities, as under:

- 1. Social / entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political/ marriages/ funeral and other congregations in areas outside containment zones.**
  - a) Maximum limit for the indoor as well outdoor gatherings shall be 50 persons.
  - b) In gatherings where Community kitchen or Dhaam, or professional catering is to be arranged, it is to be ensured that only bio-degradable disposable plates, glasses and cutlery is used. Highest level of personnel and environmental hygiene shall be ensured all the time, especially at the time of preparing, serving, eating meals and disposal of waste etc. In such gatherings, the managers and catering staff, will be required to undergo tests through Rapid Antigen Test Kits for COVID-19 with the help of local health officials, not earlier than 96 hours before the event.
  - c) It shall be mandatory for the organizers to get the permission from the SDMs concerned. The permission shall be obtained minimum one week before the date of event/ function. If need be, the SDM can order the event to be videographed.
  - d) The organiser shall identify spatial boundaries and prepare a detailed site plan which would facilitate compliance with thermal screening, physical distancing, sanitization etc. and submit the same while taking the permission.



- e) The organizer shall submit an undertaking to the SDM alongwith his application regarding testing of catering staff and they shall personally ensure to follow all protocol related to COVID-19 as well as compliance of directions given in this order and the previous order of this office no. SML-ADM(L&O)/COVID-19-1-2912-20 dated 12-11-2020.
- f) Proper planning of the event should be done to facilitate thermal screening, physical distancing, sanitization etc. and crowds shall be regulated and managed properly to ensure physical distance and frequent sanitization. Staggered timings and restricted entry shall be ensured. It shall be mandatory for everyone to wear face mask properly. The detail of guests shall be maintained.
- g) Volunteers should be appointed and appropriately stationed to ensure thermal scanning, physical distancing and wearing of mask.
- h) Adequate supply of sanitizers, thermal guns and physical distancing floor markings shall be ensured.
- i) Pre-identification of space/site shall be done in each event/venue for isolation of suspect cases.
- j) Close circuit cameras etc., if feasible, may be considered to monitor compliance of physical distance norms, wearing of masks at each venue.
- k) All events must plan for medical care arrangements with linkages to nearest hospitals to attend to health emergencies.
- l) In case of marriages, it shall be mandatory to inform the Tehsildar and SHO concerned who will visit the concerned place/venue to check if all instructions/guidelines are being complied with.
- m) The SDMs shall furnish daily report regarding inspection of such events/functions done by the Executive Magistrates and SHOs. Further, the SDM and DSP concerned shall ensure to personally inspect/visit at least two such events/ functions each in a week.
- n) 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.
- o) It shall be the responsibility of Superintendent of Police and all the Sub- Divisional Magistrates to implement these regulations.

## 2. Regulations related to markets/ shops.



- a) Weekly "Closing Day" for all the markets/ shops shall be Sunday irrespective of any provisions/ orders issued under any other law for the time being till 15.12.2020. However, this order shall not be applicable to the shops/ stores selling groceries, milk, bread, fruits, vegetables, chemist shops and newspaper vendors.
- b) The owners of all shops/ commercial establishments shall ensure to maintain social distancing, use of mask and sanitization at regular intervals in and around their shops/ commercial establishments. Circle shall be marked for the customers to stand/ wait so that proper distance between customers is maintained. They shall also keep hand sanitizer for the use of customers at a conspicuous place.
- c) No street eating outside the restaurants and take-away food shops shall be allowed. Food take-away shops shall pack and sell food items only to be consumed inside the restaurants or at homes/ offices.

### 3. Directives for COVID-19 Management.

- a) All the Heads of Offices/ Institutions shall ensure to take effective steps to reduce public footfall in their establishments. Online platforms, permits system etc. shall be encouraged to provide services to reduce crowd. Review meetings shall be held through web based system.
- b) The representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) will be responsible for implementation of the directives related to the Social / entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political/ marriages/ funeral and other congregations within their jurisdiction and they will be under obligation to report the instances of violation to the officers of District Administration and Police.
- c) To curtail the spread of COVID-19 among their workers, the orchardists, agriculturists, contractors, industrialists, project proponents etc. will take preventive measures related to social distancing, use of mask, proper sanitization etc. at the work place and residential settings.
- d) The public offices, private establishments / shops owners will deny services to the persons not using face mask properly and such persons will not be allowed to board public transport also.
- e) No one shall indulge in non-essential travels, physical interactions or visit to public places/ establishments.
- f) Persons above 60 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home, except for essential and health purposes.



**4. No restriction on inter-state and intra-state movement.**

The inter-state and intra-state movement of persons and goods will continue without any restrictions. However, inter-state movement of public transport buses will operate only as per SOPs issued by the Department of Transport, HP and that too, after ensuring full preparedness to comply with the same.

**5. Community Awareness :**

- a) All the Government Departments/ institutions and private organizations shall take effective measures regarding public awareness related to COVID-19.
- b) The representatives of PRIs and ULBs will also educate the masses about preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 within their jurisdiction.
- c) NGOs, CBOs and other voluntary organizations will also be effectively involved for the purpose of awareness generation.

This order shall come in force with immediate effect in the entire territorial jurisdiction of Shimla district and will remain in force till 15.12.2020.

Violation of this Order shall attract provisions of Section 51 to 60 of Disaster Management Act, 2005, Section 188, 269 & 270 of IPC and Section 111, 114 and 115 of HP Police Act, 2007 and the violators shall be prosecuted accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal of the office on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

(Aditya Negi, IAS)  
Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority  
-cum- District Magistrate, Shimla  
H.P.

**Endst. No. As above.**

**Dated November, 2020**

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5. The Director, Transport, HP, for information and necessary action.
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