



OFFICE OF DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, AMRITSAR
(COVID-19 Control Room)

ORDER

1. WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) was satisfied that the country was threatened by the spread of COVID19 and it was necessary to take effective measures to prevent its spread and for mitigation of the threatening disaster situation. The Government of Punjab is already taking various measures for the containment and prevention of the spread of COVID19.
2. Whereas, to ensure optimum utilization of hospital beds and availability to those most in need; and as the best possible care could be provided at home to asymptomatic/ mildly symptomatic patients, home isolation of COVID positive patients was allowed as per guidelines of MoHFW, GoI.
3. Whereas, it has been brought to notice that neither the National Directives nor the protocols are being strictly followed and there have been many instances of violations and negligence by the family members/ co-inhabitants of the patient in home isolation. This can lead to further spread of the pandemic, which will seriously jeopardize human health and safety.
4. Whereas, as per Section 34 (c) and (m) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, for the purpose of protecting the community, in response to any threatening disaster situation, the DDMA may control and restrict the entry of any person into, his movement within and departure from, a vulnerable or affected area and further, may take such other steps as may be required or warranted to be taken in such a situation.
5. And THEREFORE, the District Disaster Management Authority is satisfied that in view of the spike in the number of cases, it is imperative to take additional steps to ensure the control of the spread of the pandemic; and as such, it is hereby directed that:
 - (i) Self-reporting/ Intimation: All residents shall be obligated to immediately intimate the health authorities, by dialing 104 or contacting their nearest Government Hospital/ Local Health Authority (LHA) *within 48 hours*, in case they are in the knowledge of having come in contact with any positive patient during his infection period.
 - (ii) No COVID positive patient who is under home isolation shall leave his/ her residence (except for medical emergency) till the period of home isolation is over;
 - (iii) Family members/ co-inhabitants (including domestic help, cooks etc.) of the same unit/ household where the positive patient has been home isolated shall strictly adhere to the health protocol. Moreover, they shall self-quarantine themselves for a period of 5 days and monitor themselves. If they develop any symptoms of COVID, they shall get tested, and leave the house only after a negative test.

- (iv.) No visitors/ guests shall be allowed into a home where a patient is under home isolation. Such visitors/ guests shall be jointly and severally liable for criminal action.
- (v.) All shall adhere to orders passed under Section 144 to related to public gatherings or curfew. All those who are found to be violating these orders are liable to having their vehicles impounded.
- (vi.) Containment Zones/ Micro Containment Zones (CZs/ MCZs):
- All residents in the containment zones/ micro-containment zones, are prohibited from exiting the zone for any purpose or for allowing any person to enter the containment zone (except emergency medical aid and provision of essential supplies and services).
 - Further, given the Government's endeavor to conduct mandatory 100% testing in containment zones, no person shall resist/ decline giving their sample to the health authorities for the purpose of COVID19 test;
- (vii.) Resident Welfare Association (RWA)/ Neighbours:
- It shall be incumbent/ expected that the Resident Welfare Association/ Neighbours to inform the Control Room/ Area PS (numbers shall be shared and displayed on the poster of Home Isolation pasted) if there is a breach by any of the residents of the home/ or if there are visitors from outside.
 - They may extend assistance for ensuring home delivery of supplies to the main gate of the home under quarantine- taking all necessary precautions.

Any person violating these directions shall be criminally liable for proceedings under Section 51 of Disaster Management Act, 2005 and under Section 269, 270 and 188 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 besides other provisions of the law.

Given under my hand and seal.


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Deputy Commissioner,
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Dated 24.08.2020

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- Director General of Police, Punjab, Chandigarh,
- Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar,
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- Addl. Director General of Police, Counter Intelligence, Punjab, Chandigarh,
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- Additional District Magistrate, Amritsar,
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