

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, KARAIKAL

No. DCK/A1/COVID19/2021-22/

Dt.17.08.2021

ORDER

Sub: DCK – DM – COVID-19 – Containment of resurgence of COVID-19 – Instructions – Issued - Reg.

Ref: 1. Letter D.O.No.40-34/2020-DM-I(A) dated 28.07.2021 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
2. Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A), dated 28.07.2021 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.
3. Order No. 104/PSEC/COVID-19/2021, dt. 12.04.2021, 20.04.2021, 21.04.2021, 26.04.2021, 27.04.2021, 03.05.2021, 08.05.2021, 09.05.2021, 19.05.2021, 23.05.2021, 31.05.2021, 07.06.2021, 14.06.2021, 21.06.2021, 30.06.2021, 15.07.2021 & 31.07.2021 of the State Executive Committee, Puducherry.

The MHA, Government of India has issued directions vide Order 2nd cited above, to ensure compliance to the containment measures for COVID-19 up to 31st August, 2021.

Government of Puducherry has issued lockdown orders to contain the spread of COVID-19 virus. The last such lockdown order/ notification was issued vide No. 104/PSEC/COVID19/2021 dated 31.07.2021, is effective up to 15th August, 2021 (mid-night).

2. The number of fresh positive cases has come down and therefore it is necessary to extend the LOCKDOWN to break the chain of Covid -19 transmission but with certain additional relaxations. Accordingly, the following lockdown measures are issued under Disaster Management Act, 2005, with effect from the **15th August, 2021 (mid-night) to 31st August, 2021 (mid-night)** for strict compliance by all concerned.

1.	Corona Night Curfew	There shall be Corona Curfew from 10.30 PM till 05.00 AM every day
2.	Lockdown	<p>In addition to the aforesaid Corona Night Curfew, there shall be lockdown with effect from 15th August, 2021 (mid-night) to 31st August, 2021(mid-night).</p> <p><u>Prohibited Activities:</u> Social / Political / entertainment related gathering shall remain strictly prohibited.</p> <p><u>Permitted activities and terms and conditions thereof:</u> All activities are prohibited except the following activities. People shall stay at their homes and shall not come out except for the following permitted activities. Such movement for the permitted activities would be subject to verification of the identity and purpose by the enforcement agencies. The enforcement agencies</p>

should verify the identity and purpose of the movement on roads and action should be taken against violators.

1. (i) All Government departments / offices shall function as per guidelines / instructions of Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (PW), Puducherry. The HOOs are advised to avoid calling back the staff to their office who are drafted for Covid related activities / services. Further the HOOs shall make vehicles of their offices / departments available for COVID related duties.

(ii) All HOOs shall ensure vaccination of all eligible staff under them. Health Department shall ensure 100% coverage under vaccination for staff in the Health facilities. The Health Department shall saturate under vaccination all eligible persons in the population at the earliest.

2. All shops / commercial / business establishments shall be opened from 09.00 AM to 09.00 PM without air conditioning facility by following COVID protocol. However the vegetable / fruit shops shall be functional from 05.00 AM till 09.00 PM.

3. All Private Offices shall function from 09.00 AM to 06.00 PM by following COVID appropriate behavior and ensure 100% vaccination of all eligible staff.

4. The shops at Big Market shall be permitted to resume functioning at their respective places inside the Market after strictly following the COVID norms.

5. **Restaurants / Hotels and bar facilities within the hotels, lodges and guest houses and also other standalone eateries shall be permitted to operate with 50% capacity upto 10.00 PM by strictly following COVID appropriate behavior in / in front of their premises.** The Teashops / Juice shops shall operate upto 09.00 PM by strictly following COVID appropriate behavior in / in front of their premises. The owners of the Restaurants and Bars shall be responsible for strict adherence to the prescribed SOPs and all instructions / guidelines issued by Government from time to time as well as compliance of COVID appropriate behaviour (viz. wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing, regular hand washing and use of sanitizer etc) to contain the spread of COVID-19 virus. In case, any violation is found, strict penal / criminal action shall be

taken against the owner of the restaurant / bar. They shall ensure vaccination of all the eligible staff at the earliest.

6. Retail liquor including Arrack vends shall be allowed from 09.00 AM to 09.00 PM. All Bars attached with retail liquor vends shall be allowed to function with 50% capacity upto 09.00 PM subject to strict compliance of COVID appropriate behavior. Opening of liquor shops will pose a serious challenge of crowd control. Given the fact that shops had been closed for long and neighbouring State opened its liquor vends recently, there may be a surge of crowd of intrastate and interstate (at the borders). It is imperative to put in place rigorous safety norms of barricading entrances, increased enforcement, safety norms of hand hygiene, social distancing etc. The Excise Department in joint co-ordination with Police Department shall ensure strict enforcement of crowd regulation at the Liquor vends. In particular, adequate security shall be put in place in shops located at the borders for enforcing crowd control/regulation. Duty charts be drawn for crowd regulation. The Excise Department shall issue stern directions on the safety norms to be followed by the retail liquor vends with no compromise, whatsoever failing which the shops / vends will be made liable.
- 7) Goods transport shall remain permitted all the time. Private, Government public passenger transport (buses /auto/taxis) shall also be permitted to operate upto 09.00 PM on all days. However vehicle for medical and emergency purposes, marriage, death of a key relative, interview / examinations will be allowed on all days and at any time and they shall carry proof with them for the purpose.
- 8) Registration of Automobiles and issuance of Driving License shall be done by the Transport Department by following the COVID protocol.
- 9) Documents Registration shall be carried by the following COVID protocol.
- 10) Beach Road / Parks / Gardens shall be opened from early morning 05.00 AM to 09.00 PM for regular walkers on all days. The walkers shall compulsorily wear masks and maintain social distancing norms.

11) All religious places / places of worship shall be open for public for Darshan only upto 09.00 PM. Marriages shall be permitted to be conducted in the Religious Institutions but with a maximum of 25 members only. However, essential poojas / prarthanas / rituals are permitted to be conducted only by the priests / employees of the respective religious place. Except for the aforesaid purposes, there shall not be any congregation at the place of worship. The religious institutions shall strictly abide by the SOP prescribed by Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. At no point shall there be any relaxation in adhering to the COVID safety protocols.

12) Marriage related gathering shall be permitted but with guests not exceeding 100.

13) Funeral / last rites are permitted with participants not exceeding 20.

14) Industrial establishments, manufacturing centres and construction activities are permitted under the following terms and conditions:

(a) Factories , manufacturing units and construction activities that are operating must subscribe to following discipline.

(i). Before opening the industrial establishments, manufacturing centres and construction activities, the employees should go for COVID Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and all the eligible employees should be vaccinated as per criteria at the earliest. Failure to get vaccinated will closure of the entity.

(ii). To scan body temperature of labourers pre-entry and confirm to COVID appropriate behaviour of all concerned.

(iii). If a labourer / worker found positive, other labourers who have come into active contact with him to be quarantined with pay.

(iv). In case of any worker found positive, unit to be closed until completely sanitised.

(v). Lunch and tea breaks to be staggered for avoiding crowding. No common eating places.

(vi). Common toilet facilities to be sanitised frequently.

(vii). If a worker is found positive he or she would be allowed medical leave and cannot be

discontinued during this absence for this reason.

- 15) All agricultural operations.
- 16) Following essential services shall be permitted without any time restrictions:
 - (i) POL Bunks, ATMs, telecommunication, internet services, broadcasting and cable services, media, IT and IT enabled services, water supply, sanitation, electricity supply, cold storages and ware housing services, private security services, law and order / emergency/ municipal/ fire / Courts as per order of High Court.
 - (ii) Dairy & Milk supply / booth, pharmacy, hospitals, medical labs, Pharmaceuticals, Opticians, medicines and medical equipments, distribution of news papers, ambulance and hearse vehicle services, medical and its allied activities shall be permitted.
- 17) All E-commerce activities shall be permitted.
- 18) Sports activities are permitted without spectators. Gymnasiums and Yoga institutes will be permitted to open 50% of the capacity.
- 19) Tourist gathering spots like boat house etc may be permitted to operate with 50% capacity after strictly comply with COVID appropriate behavior norms.
- 20) Cinemas / Theaters / Multiplexes shall be permitted to operate with 50% Occupancy up to 09.00 PM by strictly following SOP issued in this regard.
- 21) The aforesaid shops / commercial establishment / permitted activities shall be closed down if they are found violating this lockdown order / restrictions or COVID-19 appropriate behavior is not observed in and around their premises.

NOTE

General Public are advised to buy provisions, vegetables and other items from the shops near their houses and not travel long distances for purchase of these items. Enforcement agencies/ Police shall prevent general public travelling long distances for purchase of essential commodities.

3. There shall be strict enforcement of these measures by the enforcement agencies / Police who shall periodically and randomly carry out verification of persons travelling on road by establishing nakas / road barriers at suitable places. Police shall also ensure strict border control to prevent cross border movement due to different pattern of restrictions between UT of Puducherry and

neighboring States. Extant guidelines/instructions of MOH&FW and MHA, New Delhi shall be strictly enforced in the containment zones. The Enforcement officers concerned shall step up the imposition of fine on the violators under law. The National directives for COVID-19 management as specified in Annexure –I shall be strictly followed.

4.If it is found that the COVID Appropriate behavior is not being followed in Markets, Market complexes, Malls, Restaurants , Bars , Theaters and Multiplexes and / or the positivity rate, number of COVID-19 positive persons, growth rate etc. start increasing then Markets, Market Complexes, Malls , Restaurants, Bars, Theaters and Multiplexes shall be closed forthwith without any loss of time so as to completely avoid and prevent any upsurge and likelihood of next wave.

5. (a) All shops owner and person working in shops / commercial establishment / industries are directed to get themselves vaccinated at the earliest, failing which they will not be allowed to function. The Municipality / Commune Panchayats commissioners shall arrange for the verification of COVID vaccination status in respect of owners and workers of the Shops and commercial establishment in their Jurisdiction and the report shall be furnished to the concern Deputy Collectors. Based on the reports, Deputy Collectors shall take action in coordination with Health Department and Trader Associations to ensure 100% coverage under vaccination.
- (b) Violation of restrictions / lockdown orders / norms for containment zones by a shop / commercial establishment / industry shall be fined to a maximum level as permissible under the laws applicable.
- (c) Violation of the lockdown order by stepping out of the home without any valid reason / without identity card shall be fined.
- (d) Any person violating the aforesaid lockdown or the National Directives will be liable to be proceeded against as per provision of 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act and Section 188 of IPC and other legal provisions as warranted.

6.The Health Department shall carry out the targeted testing of vulnerable people etc so as to detect positive cases at the earliest. It shall maintain proper records of each test conducted. It shall also arrange to send adequate samples for sequencing so as to detect mutant strains timely. The District Administration shall hold periodic meeting with the associations of traders / restaurants / hotels / industries and such other persons / bodies and sensitize them about the adherence to norms of COVID appropriate behavior and vaccination and consequences that may visit for not following them.

7. This order substitutes all other previous order issued on the subject and comes to force with effect from **midnight of 15th August , 2021.**

8. This issues as per directions of the Government / Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry.



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COLLECTOR-CUM-DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

To
All concerned.

Copy to

- 1) The Senior Superintendent of Police, Karaikal.
- 2) The-Sub Divisional Magistrate, Karaikal
- 3) The Deputy Collector (DM), Karaikal.
- 4) The Deputy Director (Imm), Karaikal.
- 5) The Enforcement Team Heads, Karaikal
- 6) The Assistant Director, Information & Publicity, Karaikal - for wider publicity
- 7) The District Informatics Officer, Karaikal - for hosting in the district website.
- 8) The P.S. to Hon'ble Lt., Governor, Puducherry.

Copy submitted to

1. The Chief Secretary to Govt, Puducherry.
2. The Secretary (R&R) / Member Secretary (SEC), Puducherry State executive Committee, Puducherry
3. The Secretary (Health), Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.