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HARYANA, PANCHKULA


ORDER

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Date Panchkula 14-7-2020

A copy of letter No. DMC-SPO-2020/7563 dated 30.06.2020 received from Chief Secretary-cum-Chairperson Haryana State Executive Committee regarding issued for containment of COVID-19 in the country by the National Disaster Management Authority for a period upto 30.06.2020 extend the lockdown in Containment Zones upto 31.07.2020." is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

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Superintendent Administration,
for Director General Higher Education,
Haryana, Panchkula,

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Dated, Panchkula 14-7-2020

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**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
HARYANA STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

No. JMC-SPO-2020/7563

Dated: 30th June, 2020

ORDER

Whereas, an Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 30.05.2020 was issued for containment of COVID-19 in the country by the National Disaster Management Authority for a period upto 30.06.2020.

Whereas, in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has directed the Chairperson, NEC to issue an order to re-open more activities in a calibrated manner, in areas outside the Containment Zones and to extend the lockdown in Containment Zones upto 31.07.2020;

Pursuant thereto, the NEC vide letter dated 29.06.2020 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, issued guidelines with annexures on Unlock 2, as Annexed to remain in force upto 31.07.2020 within the territory of India.

Therefore, now under the directions of the aforesaid orders of NDMA dated 29.06.2020 and the Guidelines for Phased Re-opening (Unlock 2), issued by NEC on dated 29.06.2020 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned in my capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee hereby directs that guidelines as Annexed, will remain in force upto 31.07.2020 within the territory of State of Haryana. Guidelines issued by NEC on Phased Re-opening (Unlock 2), are annexed herewith for strict implementation. This order of MHA and the guidelines annexed thereto are further subject to any instructions/guidelines that may hereafter be issued by the State Government or any of its department or by the District Magistrate of a District in conformity with the guidelines issued by NEC. It is further directed that no activities shall be allowed in the Districts of Gurugram & Faridabad in religious places and places of worship for public in view of the large number of positive cases. Detailed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in respect of Religious places/places of worship, Hotels, Restaurants & other Hospitality Services and Shopping Malls within the State of Haryana are attached herewith.


Chief Secretary-cum-Chairperson
Haryana State Executive Committee

To

1. All Administrative Secretaries in the State of Haryana;
2. All Deputy Commissioners in the State of Haryana.

No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

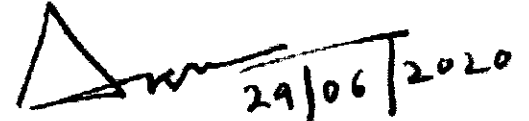
North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated 29 June , 2020

ORDER

Whereas, an Order of even number dated 30.05.2020 was issued for containment of COVID-19 in the country, for a period upto 30.06.2020;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has directed the undersigned to issue an order to re-open more activities in a calibrated manner, in areas outside the Containment Zones and to extend the lockdown in Containment Zones upto 31.07.2020;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned hereby directs that guidelines on **Unlock 2**, as **annexed**, will be in force upto 31.07.2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date '29/06/2020' written in a similar style.

Union Home Secretary

and, Chairman, National Executive Committee (NEC)

To:

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories

(As per list attached)

Copy to:

- i. All Members of the National Executive Committee
- ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority

Guidelines for Phased Re-opening (Unlock 2)

[As per Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 29 June, 2020]

1. Activities permitted during Unlock 2 period outside Containment Zones

In areas outside Containment Zones, all activities will be permitted, except the following:

- (i) Schools, colleges, educational and coaching institutions will remain closed till 31 July, 2020. Online/ distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.

Training institutions of the Central and State Governments will be allowed to function from 15 July, 2020, for which Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) will be issued by the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT).

- (ii) International air travel of passengers, except as permitted by MHA.
- (iii) Metro Rail.
- (iv) Cinema halls, gymnasiums, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.
- (v) Social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions and other large congregations.

Dates for re-starting the above activities may be decided separately and necessary SOPs shall be issued for ensuring social distancing and to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Domestic flights and passenger trains have already been allowed in a limited manner. Their operations will be further expanded in a calibrated manner.

2. Night curfew

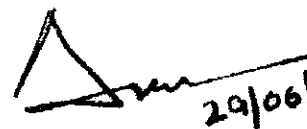
Movement of individuals shall remain strictly prohibited between 10.00 pm to 5.00 am throughout the country, except for essential activities, including operation of industrial units in multiple shifts, movement of persons and goods on National and State Highways, loading and unloading of cargo and travel of persons to their destinations after disembarking from buses, trains and airplanes. Local authorities shall issue orders, in the entire area of their jurisdiction, under appropriate provisions of law, such as under Section 144 of CrPC, and ensure strict compliance.

3. National Directives for COVID-19 Management

National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in Annexure I, shall continue to be followed throughout the country.

4. Lockdown limited to Containment Zones

- (i) Lockdown shall continue to remain in force in the Containment Zones till 31 July, 2020.


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- (ii) Containment Zones will be demarcated by the District authorities after taking into consideration the guidelines of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) with the objective of effectively breaking the chain of transmission. These Containment Zones will be notified on the websites by the respective District Collectors and by the States/ UTs and information will be shared with MOHFW.
 - (iii) In the Containment Zones, only essential activities will be allowed. There shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services. In the Containment Zones, there shall be intensive contact tracing, house-to-house surveillance, and other clinical interventions, as required. Guidelines of MoHFW shall be effectively implemented for the above purpose.
 - (iv) Activities in the Containment Zones shall be monitored strictly by the State/ UT authorities, and the guidelines relating to containment measures in these zones shall be strictly implemented.
 - (v) States/ UTs may also identify Buffer Zones outside the Containment Zones, where new cases are more likely to occur. Within the buffer zones, restrictions as considered necessary may be put in place by the District authorities.
5. **States/ UTs, based on their assessment of the situation, may prohibit certain activities outside the Containment zones, or impose such restrictions as deemed necessary.**

However, there shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods including those for cross land-border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements.

6. **Movement of persons with SOPs**


Movement by passenger trains and *Shramik* special trains; domestic passenger air travel; movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country and of specified persons to travel abroad; evacuation of foreign nationals; and sign-on and sign-off of Indian seafarers will continue to be regulated as per SOPs issued.

7. **Protection of vulnerable persons**

Persons above 65 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.

8. **Use of *Aarogya Setu***

- (i) *Aarogya Setu* enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.
- (ii) With a view to ensuring safety in offices and work places, employers on best effort basis should ensure that *Aarogya Setu* is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.


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(iii) District authorities may advise individuals to install the *Aarogya Setu* application on compatible mobile phones and regularly update their health status on the app. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individuals who are at risk.

9. Strict enforcement of the guidelines

(i) State/ UT Governments shall not dilute these guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in any manner.

(ii) All the District Magistrates shall strictly enforce the above measures.

10. Penal provisions

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable. Extracts of these penal provisions are at **Annexure II**.


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Union Home Secretary


and, Chairman, National Executive Committee

National Directives for COVID-19 Management

1. **Face coverings:** Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and during transport.
2. **Social distancing:** Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet (2 gaz ki doori) in public places.
Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers.
3. **Gatherings:** Large public gatherings/ congregations continue to remain prohibited.
Marriage related gatherings : Number of guests not to exceed 50.
Funeral/ last rites related gatherings : Number of persons not to exceed 20.
4. **Spitting in public places** will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the State/ UT local authority in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.
5. **Consumption of liquor, paan, gutka, tobacco etc.** in public places is prohibited.

Additional directives for Work Places

6. **Work from home (WFH):** As far as possible the practice of WFH should be followed.
7. **Staggering of work/ business hours** will be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.
8. **Screening & hygiene:** Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash and sanitizer will be made at all entry and exit points and common areas.
9. **Frequent sanitization** of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., will be ensured, including between shifts.
10. **Social distancing:** All persons in charge of work places will ensure adequate distance between workers, adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff, etc.


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Offences and Penalties for Violation of Lockdown Measures

A. Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005

51. Punishment for obstruction, etc.—Whoever, without reasonable cause —

- (a) obstructs any officer or employee of the Central Government or the State Government, or a person authorised by the National Authority or State Authority or District Authority in the discharge of his functions under this Act; or
- (b) refuses to comply with any direction given by or on behalf of the Central Government or the State Government or the National Executive Committee or the State Executive Committee or the District Authority under this Act.

shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine, or with both, and if such obstruction or refusal to comply with directions results in loss of lives or imminent danger thereof, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years.

52. Punishment for false claim.—Whoever knowingly makes a claim which he knows or has reason to believe to be false for obtaining any relief, assistance, repair, reconstruction or other benefits consequent to disaster from any officer of the Central Government the State Government, the National Authority, the State Authority or the District Authority, shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.

53. Punishment for misappropriation of money or materials, etc.—Whoever, being entrusted with any money or materials, or otherwise being, in custody of, or dominion over, any money or goods, meant for providing relief in any threatening disaster situation or disaster, misappropriates or appropriates for his own use or disposes of such money or materials or any part thereof or wilfully compels any other person so to do, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.

54. Punishment for false warning.—Whoever makes or circulates a false alarm or warning as to disaster or its severity or magnitude, leading to panic, shall on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine.

55. Offences by Departments of the Government.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by any Department of the Government, the head of the Department shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a Department of the Government and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer, other than the head of the Department, such officer shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

56. Failure of officer in duty or his connivance at the contravention of the provisions of this Act.—Any officer, on whom any duty has been imposed by or under this Act and who ceases or refuses to perform or withdraws himself from the duties of

his office shall, unless he has obtained the express written permission of his official superior or has other lawful excuse for so doing, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine.

57. Penalty for contravention of any order regarding requisitioning.—If any person contravenes any order made under section 65, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine or with both.

58. Offence by companies.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company or body corporate, every person who at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company, for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the contravention and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment provided in this Act, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company, and it is proved that the offence was committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also, be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this section—

(a) "company" means anybody corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and

(b) "director", in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.

59. Previous sanction for prosecution.—No prosecution for offences punishable under sections 55 and 56 shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be, or of any officer authorised in this behalf, by general or special order, by such Government.

60. Cognizance of offences.—No court shall take cognizance of an offence under this Act except on a complaint made by—

(a) the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised in this behalf by that Authority or Government, as the case may be; or

(b) any person who has given notice of not less than thirty days in the manner prescribed, of the alleged offence and his intention to make a complaint to the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised as aforesaid.

B. Section 188 in the Indian Penal Code, 1860

188. Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant.—Whoever, knowing that, by an order promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, he is directed to abstain from a certain act, or to take certain

order with certain property in his possession or under his management, disobeys such direction, shall, if such disobedience causes or tends to cause obstruction, annoyance or injury, or risk of obstruction, annoyance or injury, to any person lawfully employed, be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both; and if such disobedience causes or tends to cause danger to human life, health or safety, or causes or tends to cause a riot or affray, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

Explanation.—It is not necessary that the offender should intend to produce harm, or contemplate his disobedience as likely to produce harm. It is sufficient that he knows of the order which he disobeys, and that his disobedience produces, or is likely to produce, harm.

Illustration

An order is promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, directing that a religious procession shall not pass down a certain street. A knowingly disobeys the order, and thereby causes danger of riot. A has committed the offence defined in this section.

From

The State Disaster Management Authority,
Haryana, Chandigarh.

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries in the State of Haryana;
2. Director General of Haryana Police;
3. Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Personnel Department;
4. All the Divisional Commissioners in the State of Haryana;
5. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Haryana;

Memo No.DMC-SPO-2020/ 4068
Chandigarh, dated the 30.06.2020

Subject: Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 in Religious places/places of worship, Hotels, Restaurants & other Hospitality Services and Shopping Malls within the State of Haryana(Unlock 2).

Government of India has been taking various measures towards management of COVID-19 and accordingly, the State Government is also taking measures on the same lines for containing the spread of this pandemic. As part of graded response various restrictions were in place for major public activities and guidelines have been issued from time to time as per the evolving situation.

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India has issued orders under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 dated 29th June, 2020 extending the lockdown period in the Containment Zones upto 31st July, 2020 and to re-open certain activities in a phased manner (**Unlock 2**) in areas outside the Containment Zones. A copy of order dated 29.06.2020 and guidelines issued on 29.06.2020 by NEC are enclosed herewith.

In pursuance to the orders dated 30.05.2020 issued by MHA, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India vide No. F. No. Z.28015/19/2020-EMR (Pt.) dated 04th June, 2020 issued detailed SOPs in respect of the Religious places/places of worship for public; Hotels, Restaurants and other Hospitality Units/Services; Shopping Malls for strict implementation by the States/UTs Government. It was further directed that the States/UTs may develop and implement their own protocols which may be stricter as per their assessment of the situation with a view to effectively contain COVID-19.

Keeping in view the prevailing conditions due to COVID-19 pandemic in the State of Haryana, State Government has decided to regulate and restrict these activities as under besides following the guidelines and instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)



vide order dated 30th May, 2020 and the SOPs issued vide letter dated 04th June,2020 by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW):-

(a) Religious places/places of worship for public

No such activities shall be allowed in the districts of Gurugram and Faridabad in view of large number of positive cases being found on daily basis during last 10 days. In all remaining districts of the State, such activities are allowed subject to following restrictions:-

- (i) The generic preventive measures including simple public health measures, social distancing (2 gaz ki doori), wearing of face covers/masks need to be observed by all (workers and visitors) in these places at all times.
- (ii) No aarti, congregation or mass & collective gathering for prayers shall be allowed. Only individual worship/prayers shall be allowed.
- (iii) Physical offerings like Prasad/langars etc., distribution or sprinkling of holy water etc. inside the religious places are not allowed. However, Community kitchens can continue to operate by following physical distancing norms while preparing and distributing food.
- (iv) Sanitization should be done at regular intervals.
- (v) All workers should wear masks.

All the provisions of SOPs issued vide letter dated 04th June,2020 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India on the preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in religious places/places of worship (**Annexure-I**) shall be followed in letter and in spirit.

(b) Hotels, Restaurants and other Hospitality units/services

Hotels and Restaurants in all the districts of the State will be opened with the generic preventive measures including simple public health measures, social distancing (2 gaz ki doori), wearing of face covers/masks need to be observed by all (workers and visitors) in these places at all times with the following restrictions:-

- (i) Banquet Halls with approx. size of around 2000 sq. ft. and above shall be allowed to operate with maximum of 50 guests at a time by following the formula of social distancing i.e., 2 gaz ki doori.
- (ii) Restaurants in Hotels shall be allowed to operate with only 50% of the capacity. No Buffet service shall be allowed. Only ala carte (ordering individually on the menu) services are allowed.



- (iii) No Bars in the restaurants shall be allowed.
- (iv) Room service or take aways for dine in rooms shall be allowed.
- (v) Gaming Arcades and Children Play Areas (wherever applicable) shall remain closed.
- (vi) All workers should wear masks.

Restrictions for operation of Restaurants:-

- (i) Restaurants shall be allowed to take orders from customers from 09:00 AM to 08:00 PM and operate only with the 50% seating capacity.
- (ii) No Buffet service shall be allowed. Only ala carte (ordering individually on the menu) services are allowed.
- (iii) Bars in restaurants shall not be allowed.
- (iv) All workers should wear masks and gloves.
- (v) Sanitization should be done at regular intervals.

All the provisions of the SOPs issued vide letter dated 04th June, 2020 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services (**Annexure-II & III**) shall be followed in letter & spirit.

(c) Shopping Malls.

Operations are allowed subject to the following restrictions:-

- (i) The generic preventive measures including simple public health measures, social distancing (2 gaz ki doori), wearing of face covers/masks need to be observed by all (workers and visitors) in these places at all times.
- (ii) Restaurants in Shopping Malls shall be allowed to operate with only 50% of the capacity. No Buffet service shall be allowed. Only ala carte (ordering individually on the menu) services are allowed. Further, Bars shall not be allowed.
- (iii) Gaming Arcades, Children Play Areas and Cinema Halls (wherever applicable) shall remain closed.
- (iv) All workers should wear masks & gloves.
- (v) Sanitization should be done at regular intervals.

All the provisions of the SOPs issued vide letter dated 04th June, 2020 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in Shopping Malls (**Annexure-IV**) shall be followed in letter & spirit.

The timing for all the above activities shall remain between 09:00 AM to 08:00 PM so as to ensure the compliance of Night Curfew between 10:00 PM to 05:00 AM. No persons shall be out on roads beyond 10:00 PM.

These directions shall be enforced by the Deputy Commissioners in their respective districts and any violations shall be punishable under the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 as well as under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 as per National Directives and the offences and penalties for violating lockdown measures, as enclosed with the MHA order dated 29th June 2020 (Annexure I & II).

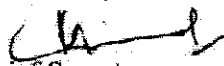
The Deputy Commissioners shall constitute joint inspection teams for enforcing the above instructions/directions and should ensure extensive checking and action against the violators as per law/rules/instructions/directions issued from time to time by the State Government.

Needless to mention here that the guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India regarding unlock-2 issued on dated 29th June, 2020 and the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India dated 04th June, 2020 should not be diluted in any manner, whatsoever, while complying with these Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The Departments of Urban Local Bodies and Development & Panchayats may develop and implement their own protocols which may be stricter as per their assessment of situation with a view to effectively contain COVID-109 with the prior approval of competent authority.

These Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) shall come into effect from 1st July, 2020. The district administration shall ensure wide publicity by MUNADI. Extensive Publicity shall also be carried out through press release and social media.

Strict compliance of the above directions be ensured by all concerned.

Encl: As above


Chief Secretary-cum-Chairperson
Haryana State Executive Committee
(Under State Disaster Management Authority)

Endst. No. DMC-SPO-2020/4069

Chandigarh, dated the 30.06.2020

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and further necessary action please:-

1. All the Commissioners of Police in State of Haryana;
2. All the Superintendent of Police in the State of Haryana.

Chief Secretary-cum-Chairperson
Haryana State Executive Committee
(Under State Disaster Management Authority)

4th June, 2020

Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in religious places/places of worship

1. Background

Religious places / places of worship get frequented by large number of people for spiritual solace. To prevent spread of COVID-19 infection, it is important that required social distancing and other preventive measures are followed in such premises.

2. Scope

This document outlines various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be taken at particular places to prevent spread of COVID-19.

Religious places/places of worship for public in containment zones shall remain closed. Only those outside containment zones will be allowed to open up.

3. Generic preventive measures

Person above 65 years of age, persons with comorbidities, pregnant woman and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home. Organisations managing the religious institutions to advise accordingly.

The generic preventive measures include simple public health measures that are to be followed to reduce the risk of COVID-19. These measures need to be observed by all (workers and visitors) in these places at all times.

These include:

- i. Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places as far as feasible.
- ii. Use of face covers/masks to be mandatory.
- iii. Practice frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be made wherever feasible.
- iv. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.
- v. Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest to state and district helpline.
- vi. Spitting should be strictly prohibited.
- vii. Installation & use of Aarogya Setu App shall be advised to all.

4. All religious places shall also ensure:

- i. Entrance to have mandatory hand hygiene (sanitizer dispenser) and thermal screening provisions.
- ii. Only asymptomatic persons shall be allowed in the premises.
- iii. All persons to be allowed entry only if using face cover/masks.
- iv. Posters/standees on preventive measures about COVID-19 to be displayed prominently. Audio and Video clips to spread awareness on preventive measures for COVID-19 should be regularly played.
- v. Staggering of visitors to be done, if possible.
- vi. Shoes / footwear to be preferably taken off inside own vehicle. If needed they should be kept in separate slots for each individual / family by the persons themselves.
- vii. Proper crowd management in the parking lots and outside the premises – duly following social distancing norms shall be organized.
- viii. Any shops, stalls, cafeteria etc., outside and within the premises shall follow social distancing norms at all times
- ix. Specific markings may be made with sufficient distant to manage the queue and ensure social distancing in the premises.
- x. Preferably separate entry and exits for visitors shall be organized
- xi. Maintain physical distancing of a minimum of 6 feet at all times when queuing up for entry.
- xii. People should wash their hand and feet with soap and water before entering the premises.
- xiii. Seating arrangement to be made in such a way that adequate social distancing is maintained.
- xiv. For air-conditioning/ventilation, the guidelines of CPWD shall be followed which inter alia emphasises that the temperature setting of all air conditioning devices should be in the range of 24-30oC, relative humidity should be in the range of 40-70%, intake of fresh air should be as much as possible and cross ventilation should be adequate.
- xv. Touching of statues/idols / holy books etc. not to be allowed.
- xvi. Large gatherings/congregation continue to remain prohibited.
- xvii. In view of potential threat of spread of infection, as far as feasible recorded devotional music/songs may be played and choir or singing groups should not be allowed
- xviii. Avoid physical contact while greeting each other.
- xix. Common prayer mats should be avoided and devotees should bring their own prayer mat or piece of cloth which they may take back with them.
- xx. No physical offerings like Prasad/distribution or sprinkling of holy water, etc.to be allowed inside the religious place.
- xxi. Community kitchens/langars / “Ann-daan”, etc. at religious places should follow physical distancing norms while preparing and distributing food.
- xxii. Effective sanitation within the premises shall be maintained with particular focus on lavatories, hand and foot-washing stations/areas.

- xxiii. Frequent cleaning and disinfection to be maintained by the management of the religious place.
- xxiv. The floors should particularly be cleaned multiple times in the premises.
- xxv. Proper disposal of face covers / masks / gloves left over by visitors and/or employees should be ensured.
- xxvi. In case of a suspect or confirmed case in the premises:
 - a. Place the ill person in a room or area where they are isolated from others.
 - b. Provide a mask/face cover till such time he/she is examined by a doctor.
 - c. Immediately inform the nearest medical facility (hospital/clinic) or call the state or district helpline.
 - d. A risk assessment will be undertaken by the designated public health authority (district RRT/treating physician) and accordingly further action be initiated regarding management of case, his/her contacts and need for disinfection.
 - e. Disinfection of the premises to be taken up if the person is found positive.

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SOP on preventive measures in Restaurants to contain spread of COVID-19

1. Background

Given the current COVID-19 outbreak in India, it is important that restaurants and other hospitality units take suitable measures to restrict any further transmission of the virus while providing restaurant services.

2. Scope

This document outlines various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be ensured at particular places to prevent spread of COVID-19.

Restaurants in containment zones shall remain closed. Only those outside containment zones will be allowed to open up.

3. Generic preventive measures

Persons above 65 years of age, persons with comorbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home, except for essential and health purposes. Restaurant management to advise accordingly.

The generic measures include simple public health measures that are to be followed to reduce the risk of COVID-19. These measures need to be observed by all (staff and patrons) in these places at all times.

These include:

- i. Physical distancing of at least 6 feet to be followed as far as feasible.
- ii. Use of face covers/masks to be made mandatory.
- iii. Practice frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be made wherever feasible.
- iv. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.
- v. Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest to state and district helpline.
- vi. Spitting shall be strictly prohibited.
- vii. Installation & use of Aarogya Setu App shall be advised to all.