



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No. RD 158 TNR 2020

Karnataka Government Secretariat,
Vidhana Soudha,
Bengaluru, dated:19-04-2021

ORDER

Whereas, there has been rapid resurgence of COVID 19 cases in the State, particularly in the Bengaluru Area.

Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 23-03-2021 has issued guidelines for effective control of COVID-19 in the Country which will be in force upto 30.04.2021. Consequently, State Government had issued guidelines for effective control of COVID-19 for the State vide Order of even number dated 29-03-2021 which will be in force until 30.04.2021.

Whereas, the State Executive Committee, has issued revised guidelines vide Order No. HFW 90 ACS 2021, dated 02-04-2021; RD 158 TNR 2020, dated 09-04-2021; RD 158 TNR 2020, dated 16-04-2021; and other related orders to take additional containment measures in a calibrated manner in wake of rising COVID 19 cases in the State.

Whereas, the State Government is satisfied that the State of Karnataka is threatened with the spread of COVID 19, which entails taking stringent containment measures to break the chain of transmission.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under the Section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in the capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee, **hereby issues guidelines to limit COVID 19 transmission in the State, as annexed, which shall come into effect from 9 pm on 20-04-2021 and will be in force including and upto 6:00 am of 03-05-2021**, for strict implementation by Commissioner BBMP, Police Commissioners, District Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, and other Heads of Departments and Authorities..

(P Ravi Kumar)

Chief Secretary and Chairman,
State Executive Committee

To:

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Guidelines to limit COVID 19 transmission in the state

(Order No. RD 158 TNR 2020, dated 19-04-2021)

1. The guidelines shall continue to remain in force from 9 pm of 20th April 2021 upto 6 am of 3rd May 2021.
2. Night Curfew is imposed on the entire State as per the guidelines stipulated in the Order No. 158 TNR 2020, dated 09-04-2021.
3. No one to move in public places without valid reasons mentioned herein below.

4. Inter-State and Intra-State movement

- a. There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods. No separate permission/approval/e-permit will be required for such movements. However, people coming to Karnataka State from other State shall strictly adhere to the prevailing Guidelines/SOPs issued by Department of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Karnataka.

5. Offices

- a) Secretariat Offices in Vidhana Soudha, Vikas Soudha and MS Building shall function with 50% strength.
- b) All other Offices of the State Government and their Autonomous Bodies, Corporations, etc. outside containment zone shall remain fully functional with 100% staff. However, the Offices/Autonomous Bodies/Corporations not related emergency and essential services shall deploy 50% of their staff to be deployed for COVID 19 containment and management related duties.
- c) Courts and Offices related to judicial work shall operate as per the existing guidelines issued by the Hon'ble High Court.
- d) Offices of the Government of India, its Autonomous/ Subordinate Offices and Public Corporations outside containment zone shall operate as per the existing guidelines issued by the concerned departments.
- e) All private offices/organizations/institutions/companies shall be allowed to function with minimal strength. As far as possible work from home should be encouraged.

6. Health Services

All health Services (including AYUSH and Veterinary Hospitals) to remain fully functional, such as: (outside containment zone)

- a. All hospitals nursing homes, clinics, labs, collection centers, Telemedicine facilities, dispensaries, pharmacies, chemist, Jan Aushadhi Kendras, home care providers and all kinds of medicine shops including medical equipment shops.
- b. All pharmaceutical and research labs.
- c. All manufacturing units of drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, medical oxygen, their packing material, raw material and intermediates.
- d. All construction pertaining to medical/health infrastructure.

- e. Movement (inter and intra State, inter and intra district) of all medical, paramedics, nurses, scientists, lab technicians, mid-wives and other hospital support services.

7. Agriculture Sector

Agriculture and allied activities permitted outside containment zone:

I. All agriculture and horticulture activities to remain fully functional, such as (outside containment zone):

- a. Farming operations by farmers and farm workers in field.
- b. Agencies engaged in procurement of agriculture products, including MSP operations.
- c. All Mandis, vegetable and fruit markets, e-marketing, direct marketing of vegetable and fruits or by industries directly by group of farmers/group of farmers, FPOs's Co-operative, etc.
- d. Shops of agriculture machinery, its spare parts (including its supply chain) and repairs to remain open.
- e. "Custom Hiring Centers" related to farm machinery.
- f. Manufacturing, distribution and retail of fertilizers, pesticides and seeds.
- g. Movement (inter-intra state and inter-intra district) of harvesting and sowing related machines like combined harvester and other agriculture/horticulture implements.

II. Fisheries-the following activities will be functional

- a. Operation of the fishing (inland)/aquaculture industry, including feeding & maintenance, harvesting, processing, packaging, cold chain, sale and marketing.
- b. Hatcheries, feed plants, commercial aquaria.
- c. Movement of fish/shrimp and fish products, fish seed/feed and workers for all activities.

III. Animal Husbandry-the following activities will be functional.

- a. Collection, processing, distribution and sale of milk and mild products by milk processing plants, including transport and supply chain.
- b. Operation of animal husbandry farms including poultry farms & hatcheries and livestock farming activity.
- c. Animal feed manufacturing and feed plants, including supply of raw material, such as maize and soya. Operations of animals feed stalls/shops.

8. Movement of people:

- a. Movement of people through Public transport (KSRTC, BMTC, NWSRTC, Private Buses, Trains, Taxis including cab aggregators (4 wheelers), Auto Rickshaw is permitted for valid reason adhering to COVID appropriate behaviour.
- b. Number of people traveling in vehicle shall be as per the seating capacity stipulated by the RTO
- c. Unnecessary travel through private vehicle should be avoided.

9. Unrestricted movement of all types of goods and cargo (outside containment zone):

- a. All facilities in the supply chain of essential goods, whether involved in manufacturing, wholesale or retail of such goods through local stores, large brick and mortar stores or e-Commerce companies shall be allowed to operate adhering to COVID 19 appropriate behaviour.
- b. Movement of all types of goods through trucks (including empty trucks/goods vehicle), railways and air.

10. The following activities will be prohibited throughout the State:

- a. Schools, colleges, educational/ training/ coaching institutions etc. will remain closed. Online/ distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
- b. All cinema halls, shopping malls, gymnasiums, sports complexes, stadia, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.
- c. Swimming pool to be opened for sports persons for training purpose only.
- d. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions/ other gatherings and large congregations.
- e. Stadia and playground allowed organizing sports events and practising purpose without spectators.
- f. All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for public. However, all personnel engaged in the service of the place of worship shall continue to perform their rituals and duties without involving any visitors.

11. Marriages and funeral

- a. Marriages permitted with maximum of 50 people in closed place and maximum of 100 people in open space.
- b. Funerals to be allowed with maximum of 20 people in closed place and 50 people in open spaces.

12. The following commercial and private establishment shall be allowed to function outside containment zone:

- a. Shops, including ration shops (PDS), dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder. Home delivery of essential items shall be encouraged to minimize movement of individuals outside their homes. Operations shall be subject to adhering to COVID 19 appropriate behavior.
- b. All facilities in the supply chain of essential goods, whether involved in manufacturing, wholesale or retail of such goods through local stores, large brick and mortar stores or e-Commerce companies should be allowed to operate adhering to COVID 19 appropriate behavior stipulated in National Directives for COVID 19 management.
- c. Restaurant, Hotels and eateries permitted with 50% of its seating capacity. As far possible take home (parcel should be encouraged).
- d. Standalone liquor shops and outlets take away only.
- e. All food processing and related industries.
- f. Banks, insurance offices and ATM.
- g. Print and electronic media.
- h. Delivery of items through E-Commerce.
- i. Power generation, transmission and distribution units and services.
- j. Capital and debt market services and notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- k. Cold storage and warehousing services.
- l. Private security services.
- m. Delivery of goods by E-Commerce companies.
- n. Barber shops/Spa/Salon/Beauty Parlours permitted with strictly adhering to COVID 19 appropriate behaviour and guidelines issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department

All establishments, wherever possible, should encourage employees to work from home.

13. Industries/Industrial Establishments (both Government and Private), as listed below will be allowed to operate outside Containment:

- a. Production units which require continuous process, and their supply chain.
- b. Food processing industries, manufacturing of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, their raw material and intermediates.
- c. Manufacturing of packing materials.
- d. Manufacturing and other industrial establishment with access control in

Special Economic Zones (SEZs) or outside municipal limits and Export Oriented Units (EoUs), Industrial townships adhering to CAB.

- e. All industries and export oriented units are permitted to operate with minimum staff.

- 14.** All construction activities shall be permitted by strictly to COVID 19 appropriate behavior as stipulated in the National Directives for COVID 19 management.

15. Containment Zones

- a. In the Micro Containment Zones, only essential activities shall 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.
- b. In the Micro Containment Zones, there shall be intensive contact tracing, quarantine watch, surveillance, home isolation watch and other clinical interventions, as required.

- 16.** Commissioner BBMP, Deputy Commissioners based on their assessment of the situation, may prohibit certain other activities in the various zones, or impose such restrictions as deemed necessary.

17. COVID Appropriate Behavior

- a) BBMP and District & Local Authorities shall take all necessary measures to promote COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. Strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing must be ensured.
- b) Wearing of face masks is an essential preventive measure. In order to enforce this core requirement, BBMP, District Authorities and Local Authorities shall impose fine of Rs.250 in Municipal Corporation Areas and Rs.100 in other areas for not wearing face cover as required.
- c) Observance of social distancing in crowded places, especially in markets, bazaars and public transport, is also critical for containing the spread of the infection. SOP issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Department of Health and Family Welfare to regulate crowds in market places, shall be strictly enforced by BBMP, District and Local Authorities.
- d) SOPs for regulating travel in aircrafts, trains and metro rails are already in place, which shall be strictly enforced.
- e) The National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in **Annexure I**, shall be strictly followed throughout the State.

18. Protection of vulnerable persons

Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home, except for essential and health purposes.

19. Use of Aarogya Setu

- a. Use of Aarogya Setu may continue on best effort basis on compatible mobile phones. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individuals who are at risk

20. Strict enforcement of the guidelines

- a) Commissioner BBMP/Deputy Commissioners shall strictly enforce the above measures. For the enforcement of social distancing, Commissioner, BBMP/Deputy Commissioners may, as far as possible, use the provisions of Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) of 1973.
- b) 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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National Directives for COVID-19 Management

1. **Face Covering:** Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places; in work places; 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. Spitting in public places will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations by the local authorities.

Additional directives for Work Places

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

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