Rev (DMC) (C) 20-2/2021 - COVID 19 - III

Government of Himachal Pradesh

Revenue Department - Disaster Management Cell

Shimla – 171002

Dated: 10th August 2021

ORDER

Himachal Pradesh Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA), has considered the unprecedented surge in COVID-19 cases, high positivity rate and fatalities in the State from time to time, and in order to break the transmission chain of COVID-19 virus, has imposed certain restrictions in the State of Himachal Pradesh, which was last extended vide Order dated 22.07.2021 which is in effect till further orders with some restrictions and relaxations as an emergency measure.

And whereas, the situation of COVID-19 in the State has been reviewed it is observed that the number of COVID-19 active cases and positivity rate is increasing in the State and situation is still precarious. Consequently, certain precautions and restrictions are still required to contain the spread and resurgence of the pandemic, therefore, the undersigned in the capacity of the Chairman (SEC) in exercise of the powers conferred under section 22(2)(h) and section 24 of the Disaster Management Act 2005 and in continuation to the earlier State Executive Committee's Orders, hereby directs that:

- All persons intending to visit State shall carry their COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate (double doses) or a negative RT-PCR test report not older than 72 hours or RAT negative report not older than 24 hours w.e.f. 13th August, 2021.
- 2. All schools shall remain closed except residential schools from 11th August to 22nd August 2021, however teaching and non-teaching staff shall attend the school. Education department shall frame SOPs for the residential schools for containment of COVID-19.
- 3. Inter-State, Inter-district & Intra-district movement of public transport buses (stage/ contract carriages) is now allowed to be operated with 50% of the registered seating capacity w.e.f. 13th August, 2021. For Inter-State public transport buses, Transport department shall frame mechanism for checking of RTPCR/ RAT/ Vaccine Certificate as mentioned at point no.1 so that only eligible passengers will board the buses.

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All the Departments and Organisations of the Government, District Magistrates, and Police Officials and Local Authorities of the State are directed to ensure strict compliance with the directions of the SEC. District Magistrates, Superintendents of Police will take adequate measures to implement these orders with the support of all the PRIs and ULBs in letter and spirit.

Penal Provisions:

Any person violating these measures and COVID appropriate behaviour will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51-60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

This will come into effect from dates mentioned above and shall remain in force till further order. All other restrictions & relaxations shall remain same as per previous orders.

Approved by

(Ram Subhag Singh)
Chief Secretary cum Chairperson,
State Executive Committee, Himachal Pradesh.

To

- 1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
- 2. All the Head of Departments, Himachal Pradesh.
- 3. The Registrar General, Hon'ble High Court of Himachal Pradesh.
- 4. All the Divisional Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
- 5. All the Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
- 6. The Director I & PR for wider dissemination.

Copy for information to:

- 1. The Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- 2. Principal PS cum Special Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister-cum-Chairperson, SDMA.

Director-cum-Special Secretary (Rev-DM),
Government of Himachal Pradesh.