



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

GAD- Covid-19 - containment activities-revised consolidated guidelines-orders issued.

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### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SECRET SECTION) DEPARTMENT

G.O (Ms) No. 78/2020/GAD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 17.04.2020

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- Read: 1. GO (Ms) No. 49/2020/GAD dated 23.03.2020  
2. Orders No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 15.04.2020 and 16.04.2020 of MHA, Government of India

### ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 20 (3) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned in his capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee, hereby issues enclosed revised guidelines to all Departments, District Collectors, Superintendents of Police and other Heads of Departments for the containment activities of COVID-19 for strict implementation in the State of Kerala.

*(By Order of the Governor)*

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**CHIEF SECRETARY**

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State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram  
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All District Collectors  
All District Police Chiefs  
All Heads of Departments

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**SECTION OFFICER**

**Revised Guidelines on the measures to be taken by departments of Government of Kerala, District Collectors, District Police Chiefs and HoDs and other for containment of COVID-19 in the State.**

Ref: Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1(A) dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 and dated 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

1. Cordoning off the hotspots and highly affected districts completely and implementing very stringent restrictions in these areas.
2. Reducing human to human contact in all other areas by reducing the movement for non essential services, while securing the State boundaries other than for emergency passenger and goods transportation and continued screening.

Hotspots will be defined and notified from time to time by H&FWD, Government of Kerala.

Districts will be classified into the following categories based on the number of cases and disease threat.

Category	Districts	Status
Red	Kasaragod Kannur Kozhikode Malappuram	Complete Lockdown till May 3rd
Orange A	Pathanamthitta, Ernakulam Kollam	Lockdown till 24 <sup>th</sup> April Partial relaxation thereafter.
Orange B	Alappuzha Trivandrum Palakkad Wayanad Thrissur	Lockdown till 20 <sup>th</sup> April. Partial relaxation thereafter.
Green	Kottayam Idukki	Lockdown till 20 <sup>th</sup> Relaxation thereafter

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1. **With the extension of the lockdown period, the following activities will continue to remain prohibited across the state until 3rd May, 2020 including red districts; duly following the SOPs outlined by Govt. of India.**

- 1.1 All domestic and international air travel of passengers, except for movement, inter and intra state of all medical and veterinary personnel, scientists, nurses, para-medical staff, lab technicians, mid-wives and other hospital support services including ambulances and security purposes.
- 1.2 All passenger movement by trains, except for security purposes.
- 1.3 Inter district public transport of all kinds.
- 1.4 Metro rail services.
- 1.5 Inter-district and inter-state movement of individuals except for medical reasons or for activities permitted under these guidelines
- 1.6 All educational, training, coaching institutions and other similar establishments.
- 1.7 All industrial and commercial activities other than those specifically permitted under these guidelines.
- 1.8 Hospitality services other than those specifically permitted under these guidelines.
- 1.9 Taxis including auto rickshaws and services of cab aggregators.
- 1.10 All cinema halls, malls, shopping complexes, gymnasiums, sports complexes, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoria, assembly halls and similar places.
- 1.11 All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions/ other gatherings.
- 1.12 All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.
- 1.13 In case of funerals and weddings, congregation of more than twenty persons will not be permitted.

In addition, borders of the Red districts and hotspots (panchayat/village) would be sealed with a maximum of two entry/exit point for supply of essential goods and services.

**2. Selected permitted activities allowed with effect from:**

- a. 24<sup>th</sup> April in Orange A districts
- b. 20<sup>th</sup> April in Orange B districts

**except the hotspot areas within Orange A and Orange B districts; duly following the SOPs outlined by Govt. of India.**

**2.1 All health services (including AYUSH) to remain functional, such as:**

- 2.1.1 Medical laboratories and collection centers.
- 2.1.2. Pharmaceutical and medical research labs, institutions carrying out COVID related research.
- 2.1.3. Veterinary hospitals, dispensaries, clinics, pathology labs, sale and supply of vaccine and medicine.
- 2.1.4. Authorized private establishments, which support the provisioning of essential services, or efforts for containment of COVID-19, including home care providers, diagnostics, and supply chain firms serving hospitals.
- 2.1.5. Manufacturing units of drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, medical oxygen, their packaging material, raw material and intermediates.
- 2.1.6. Construction of medical/ health infrastructure including manufacture of ambulances.
- 2.1.7. Movement, inter and intra state, including by air of all medical and veterinary personnel, scientists, nurses, para-medical staff, lab technicians, mid-wives and other hospital support services, including ambulances.
- 2.1.8. Pre-monsoon sanitation and preventive activities by Health department and local bodies.

**2.2. All agricultural and horticultural activities:**

- 2.2.1. Farming operations by farmers and farm workers in field.
- 2.2.2. Agencies engaged in procurement, marketing and sale of agriculture/horticulture/floriculture products, including Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations.
- 2.2.3. All cooperative societies engaged in agriculture activities and all wholesale markets (urban & rural) managed by Department of Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare.

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- 2.2.4. Shops of agriculture machinery, its spare parts (including its supply chain) and repairs.
- 2.2.5. Custom Hiring Centers (CHC) related to farm machinery.
- 2.2.6. Manufacturing, distribution and retail of fertilizers, pesticides, seeds, organic manure including compost.
- 2.2.7. Movement, inter and intra state, of harvesting and sowing related machines combined harvester and other agriculture/ horticulture implements.
- 2.2.8. Manufacture and movement of processed agriculture produce and kinds of cooking oil including coconut oil.
- 2.2.9. Movement, inter and intra state, of fruits and vegetables.
- 2.2.10. Local processing/value addition units in respect of agriculture produces and food grains including rice mills.
- 2.2.11. Pre-monsoon preparations for farming.
- 2.2.12. Collection, harvesting and processing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP)/Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) by scheduled tribes and other forest dwellers in forest areas.

### **2.3. Fisheries:**

- 2.3.1. Operations of the fishing (marine and inland)/ aquaculture industry, including feeding & maintenance, harvesting, processing, packaging, cold chain, sale and marketing.
- 2.3.2. Hatcheries, feed plants, commercial aquaria.
- 2.3.3. Movement of fish/ shrimp and fish products, fish seed/ feed and workers for all these activities.

### **2.4. Plantations:**

- 2.4.1. Operations of tea, coffee, cardamom and rubber plantations with a maximum of 50% workers.
- 2.4.2. Processing, packaging, sale and marketing of tea, coffee, cardamom, rubber and cashew, with maximum of 50% workers.
- 2.4.3. Bamboo, coconut, arecaunt, cocoa, spices plantation and their harvesting, processing, packaging, sale and marketing.

## **2.5. Animal husbandry:**

- 2.5.1. Collection, processing, distribution and sale of milk and milk products by milk processing plants, including transport and supply chain.
- 2.5.2. Operation of animal husbandry farms including poultry farms & hatcheries and live stock farming activity.
- 2.5.3. Animal feed manufacturing and feed plants, including supply of raw material, such as maize and soya.
- 2.5.4. Operation of animal shelter homes.
- 2.5.5. Movement of poultry/poultry products.

## **3. Financial sector:**

- 3.1. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and RBI regulated financial markets and entities like NPCI, CCIL, payment system operators and stand alone primary dealers, financial institutions of Govt. of Kerala and Cooperative banks.
- 3.2. Bank branches and ATMs, IT vendors for banking operations, Banking Correspondents (BCs), ATM operation and cash management agencies.
- 3.3. Bank branches are allowed to work as per normal working hours till disbursal of DBT cash transfers is complete.
- 3.4. Local administration to provide adequate security personnel at bank branches and BCs to maintain social distancing, law and order and staggering of account holders.
- 3.5. Securities and Exchange Board of India SEBI, and capital and debt market services as notified by the SEBI.
- 3.6. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) and Insurance Companies.
- 3.7. Non-Banking financial institutions (NBFCs) including Housing Finance Companies (HCFs) and Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs) with bare minimum staff.
- 3.8. Cooperative Credit Societies.

#### **4. Social sector:**

- 4.1. Operation of homes for children/ disabled/ mentally challenged/ senior citizens/ destitute/ women/ widows.
- 4.2. Observation homes, after care homes and places of safety for juveniles.
- 4.3. Disbursement of social security pensions, such as old age/ widow/ freedom fighter pensions; pension and provident fund services provided by Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO).
- 4.4. Operation of Anganwadis - distribution of food and nutritional items once in 15 days at the doorsteps of beneficiaries, such as children, women and lactating mothers. Beneficiaries will not attend the Anganwadis.

#### **5. Online teaching/ distance learning to be encouraged:**

- 5.1. All educational, training, coaching institutions and similar other establishments will remain closed.
- 5.2. However, these establishments are expected to maintain the academic schedule through online teaching.
- 5.3. Maximum use of Doordarshan (DD) and other educational channels may be made for teaching purposes.

#### **6. MGNREGA and Ayyankali Employment Guarantee Scheme works to be allowed:**

- 6.1. With strict implementation of social distancing and face mask.
- 6.2. Priority to be given to irrigation and water conservation works.
- 6.3. Other Central and State sector schemes in irrigation, water conservation and afforestation sectors may also be allowed to be implemented and suitably dovetailed with MGNREGA works.
- 6.4. Not more than 5 unskilled labourers in a team.

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## **7. Public utilities:**

- 7.1. Operations of oil and gas sectors including refining, transportation, distribution, storage and retail of products, such as petrol, diesel, kerosene, CNG, LPG, PNG etc.
- 7.2. Generation, transmission and distribution of power.
- 7.3. Postal services, including post offices.
- 7.4. Operations of utilities in water, sanitation and waste management sectors including garbage collection by local bodies or agencies authorized by Government for that purpose.
- 7.5. Operation of utilities providing telecommunications and internet services.
- 7.6. Akshaya centers.

## **8. Movement-loading/ unloading of goods/ cargo (inter and intra state) are allowed as under:**

- 8.1. All goods traffic will be allowed to ply.
- 8.2. Operations of railways, transportation of goods and parcel trains
- 8.3. Operations of airports and related facilities for air transport for cargo movement, relief and evacuation.
- 8.4. Operations seaports and Inland Container Depots (ICDs) for cargo, transport, including authorized custom clearing and forwarding agents.
- 8.5 Operations of Land Ports for cross land border transportation of essential goods, including petroleum products and LPG, food products and medical supplies.
- 8.6. Movement of all trucks and other goods/ carrier vehicles with two drivers and one helper subject to the driver carrying a valid driving license; empty truck/ vehicle will be allowed to ply after the delivery of goods.
- 8.7. Shops for truck repairs and dhabas on highways.
- 8.8. Movement of staff and contractual labour for operations of railways, airports/ air carriers, seaports/ ships/ vessels, land ports and ICDs are allowed on passes issued only by the District Collectors/District Police Chiefs on the basis of authorizations issued by the respective designated authority of the railways, airports, seaports, land ports and ICDs. The passes issued would be honored up to the final destination specified in the pass.

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**9. Supply of essential goods is allowed, as under:**

- 9.1. 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, ensuring strict social distancing without any restriction on their timing of opening and closure.
- 9.2. Shops including small single shops selling essential goods and carts, including ration shops under PDS, dealing with food and groceries, hygiene items, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, poultry, meat and fish, animal feed and fodder etc, will be allowed to operate, ensuring strict social distancing from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 9.3. District authorities may encourage and facilitate home delivery to minimize the movement of individuals outside their homes.

**10. Commercial and private establishments, as listed below, will be allowed to operate:**

- 10.1. Print and electronic media including broadcasting, DTH and cable services.
- 10.2. IT and IT enabled services, with up to 50% staff strength.
- 10.3. Data and call centers for Government activities only.
- 10.4. E-commerce companies. Vehicles used by e-commerce operators will be allowed to ply with necessary permissions.
- 10.5. Courier services.
- 10.6. Cold storage and warehousing services, including at ports, airports, railway stations, container depots, individual units and other links in the logistics chain.
- 10.7. Private security services and facilities, management services for maintenance and upkeep of office and residential complexes.
- 10.8. Hotels, home stays, lodges and motels, which are accommodating tourists and persons stranded due to lockdown, medical and emergency staff, air and sea crew.
- 10.9. Establishments used/ earmarked for quarantine facilities.
- 10.10. Services provided by self-employed persons, such as electricians, IT repair people, plumbers, motor mechanics, and carpenters, home nurses, domestic

helpers etc

10.11. Local workshops, repair shops for electrical/electronic gadgets and machines

10.12. Sale and movement of construction materials (civil and electrical)

10.13. Barber shops (No cosmetics/beauty therapies) on Saturday and Sunday, without AC. Only 2 people to wait at a time.

10.14. Restaurants: Dine-in till 7 p.m. and take away till 8 p.m.

**11. Industries/ Industrial Establishments (both Government and private), as listed below, will be allowed to operate:**

- 11.1. Drug manufacturing including ayurveda drugs.
- 11.2. Manufacturing and other industrial establishments with access control in Special Economic Zone (SEZs) and Export Oriented Units (EoUs), industrial estates and industrial townships. These establishments will make arrangements for stay of workers within their premises and / or adjacent buildings as far as possible. The transportation of workers to work place will be arranged by the employers in dedicated transport by ensuring social distancing.
- 11.3. Manufacturing units of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, their raw material and intermediates.
- 11.4. Food processing industries.
- 11.5. Production units, which require continuous process, and their supply chain, especially cement, steel and fertilizers.
- 11.6. Manufacturing of IT hardware.
- 11.7. Mines and mineral production, their transportation, supply of explosives and activities incidental to mining operations, quarrying.
- 11.8. Manufacturing units of packaging material.
- 11.9. Textile industries with staggered shifts and social distancing.
- 11.10. Brick kilns
- 11.11. Rubber sourcing and processing.
- 11.12. Cashew, coconut, coconut oil, coir, khadi industries.
- 11.13. All MSME units.
- 11.14. Notebook making units.

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**12. Construction activities, listed as below, will be allowed to operate:**

- 12.1. Construction of roads, irrigation projects, buildings and all kinds of industrial projects, including MSMEs in rural areas, includes, water supply and sanitation; laying/erection of power transmission lines and laying of telecom optical fiber and cable along with related activities and construction of renewable energy projects.
- 12.2. Social distancing and personal sanitation measures shall be strictly followed and will be the duty of the employer to ensure this. No person with symptoms like fever, cough etc shall be engaged for work. Health check up of migrant workers will be the responsibility of the contractor or employer, as the case may be.
- 12.3. Only minimum labourers to carry out the essential work shall be employed in the work sites. Migrant labourers will be employed wherever possible to enhance their livelihood.

**13. Movement of persons is allowed in the following cases:**

- 13.1. Movement of private vehicles will be restricted with odd-even scheme on alternate days. Vehicles with odd numbers will be permitted on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. Vehicles with even numbers will be allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The exemption from the odd and even scheme would be only for critical services and emergency operations. Lady drivers travelling solo or with dependents are exempted from this restriction. In all such cases, two passengers besides the private vehicle driver can be permitted in the backseat, in case of four-wheelers; however, in case of two-wheelers, only the driver of the vehicle is to be permitted. Pillion is allowed if it is family member.
- 13.2. All personnel travelling to place of work and back in the exempted categories, as per the instructions of the State/ local authority.
- 13.3. Bus travel for short distance within a city or town may be permitted subject to a strict discipline as follows:
  - 13.3.1. No standing passenger will be allowed.
  - 13.3.2. All passengers must wear masks.
  - 13.3.3. Hand sanitizers should be provided to the passengers as they enter the buses/vans.
  - 13.3.4. Total distance- not more than 50 to 60 kms at a stretch, limited to within the district.

13.3.5. In a 3 seater row, the middle seat has to be left vacant and in a 2 seater row one seat has to be left vacant

**14. Offices of the State Government, autonomous bodies and local governments will remain open, as mentioned below:**

- 14.1. Health, Police, home guards, civil defence, fire and emergency services, disaster management, prisons, legal metrology department, including licensees and municipal and panchayat services will function without any restrictions.
- 14.2. All other departments of State Governments to work with restricted staff. Class 1 & 2 officers shall attend in full strength. Group 3 & 4 will attend up to 33% of strength, as per requirement to ensure social distancing. However, delivery of public services shall be ensured, and necessary staff will be deployed for such purpose.
- 14.3. District administration and treasury including field offices of the Accountant General will function with restricted staff. However, delivery of public services shall be ensured, and necessary staff will be deployed for such purpose.
- 14.4. Resident Commissioner of State, in New Delhi, only to the extent of coordinating COVID-19 related activities and internal kitchen operations.
- 14.5. Forest offices: staff/workers required to operate and maintain zoo, nurseries, wildlife, fire-fighting in forests, watering plantations, patrolling and their necessary transport movement.
- 14.6. All cooperative societies with less than 33% employees.
- 14.7. Panchayat, village offices will remain operational with 35% strength.
- 14.8. All Government offices shall continue to work for 5 days a week (Monday-Friday) till further orders.

**15. In Green category districts, all activities (except the following) will be permitted after 20<sup>th</sup> April, duly following the SOPs outlined by Govt. of India**

**Restricted activities:**

- 15.1. All domestic and international air travel of passengers, except for movement, inter and intra State of all medical and veterinary personnel, scientists, nurses, para-medical staff, lab technicians, mid-wives and other hospital support services, including ambulances and for security purposes.

- 15.2. All passenger movement by trains, except for security purposes is banned.
- 15.3. Inter district public transport of all kinds are banned.
- 15.4. Metro rail services will remain closed.
- 15.5. Inter-district and inter-state movement of individuals except for medical reasons or for activities permitted under these guidelines is prohibited.
- 15.6. All educational, training, coaching institutions and other such establishments shall remain closed.
- 15.7. All cinema halls, malls, shopping complexes, gymnasiums, sports complexes, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places shall remain closed.
- 15.8. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions/ other gatherings are banned.
- 15.9. All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.
- 15.10 In case of funerals and marriages, congregation of more than twenty persons will not be permitted.

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