

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

No.1703/DRDM/DM/D2/2020

Dated: 25th March 2020

ORDER

Sub: Novel Corona Virus – Preventive measures to contain the spread of Novel Corona virus (COVID-19) – Reg.

- Ref:** 1. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897
2. The Disaster Management Act, 2005
3. Order under Section 144 of CrPC dated.21.03.2020 of District Magistrate,Puducherry.
4. I.D.Note/Office Memorandum No.A.49011/12/2020/DPAR/CD(2) dated 21/03/2020 of DPAR, Puducherry.
5. G.O.Ms.No. 03/2020 Dated: 23.03.2020 of the Department of Revenue & Disaster Management, Puducherry.
6. Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated: 24/03/2020 of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs

In pursuance of Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated: 24/03/2020 of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, the following guidelines are issued for strict compliance;

1. Offices of the Union Territory Government, their Autonomous Bodies, Corporations, etc. shall remain closed.
Exceptions:
 - a. Police, home guards, traffic, fire and emergency services, disaster management, and prisons, animal husbandry
 - b. District administration and Treasury
 - c. Electricity, water, sanitation, port
 - d. PWD, Municipal bodies – Only staff required for essential services like sanitation, swachatha corporation, personnel related to water supply, fumigation activity
 - e. Intra city/ town buses within Puducherry
 - f. Ponlait

The above offices should work with minimum number of employees. All other offices may continue to work-from-home only.

2. Hospitals and all related medical establishments, including their manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector, such as dispensaries, chemist and medical equipment shops, laboratories, clinics, nursing homes, ambulance etc. will continue to remain functional. The transportation for all medical personnel, nurses, para-medical staff, other hospital support services be permitted.

3. Commercial and private establishments shall be closed down.

Exceptions:

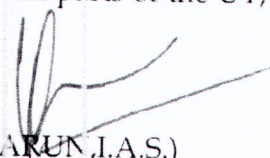
- a. Shops, including ration shops (under PDS), dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, Ponlait milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder. However, district authorities may encourage and facilitate home delivery to minimize the movement of individuals outside their homes.
- b. Banks, insurance offices, and ATMs, post offices.
- c. Print and electronic media
- d. Telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting and cable services. IT and IT enabled Services only (for essential services) and as far as possible to work from home.

- e. Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through E-commerce.
- f. Petrol pumps, LPG, Petroleum and gas retail and storage outlets.
- g. Power generation, transmission and distribution units and services.
- h. Cold storage and warehousing services.
- i. Private security services
- j. Swachatha Corporation

All other establishments may work-from-home only.

4. Industrial Establishments will remain closed.
Exceptions:
 - a. Manufacturing units of essential commodities.
 - b. Production units, which require continuous process, after obtaining required permission from the District Administration/ Regional Administrators
5. All transport services - port, air, rail, roadways - will remain suspended.
Exceptions:
 - a. Transportation for essential goods only
6. Hospitality Services to remain suspended
Exceptions:
 - a. Hotels, homestays, lodges and motels, which are accommodating tourists and persons stranded due to lockdown, medical and emergency staff, air and sea crew.
 - b. Establishments used/ earmarked for quarantine facilities.
7. All educational, training, research, coaching institutions etc. shall remain closed.
8. All places of worship shall be closed for public. No religious congregations will be permitted, without any exception.
9. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions / gatherings shall be barred.
10. With regard to the already fixed wedding / marriages, the gathering shall be limited to the 30 including staff of marriage halls and all precautions to ensure social distancing of one meter shall be taken. The function premises shall be maintained in hygienic condition and sanitizers shall be made available at the entry place. No new bookings would be entertained.
11. In case of funerals, congregation of not more than twenty persons will be permitted.
12. All persons who have arrived into India after 15.02.2020, and all such persons who have been directed by health care personnel to remain under strict home/ institutional quarantine for a period as decided by local Health Authorities, failing which they will be liable to legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC.
13. Wherever exceptions to above containment measures have been allowed by the District Magistrate/ Regional Administrator concerned, the organisations/employers must ensure necessary precautions against COVID-19 virus, as well as social distance measures, as advised by the Health Department from time to time.

14. In order to implement these containment measures, the District Magistrate will deploy Executive Magistrates as Incident Commanders in the respective local jurisdictions. The Incident Commander will be responsible for the overall implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions. All other line department officials in the specified area will work under the directions of such incident commander. The Incident Commander will issue passes for enabling essential movements as explained.
15. All enforcing authorities to note that these strict restrictions fundamentally relate to movement of people, but not to that of essential goods.
16. The Incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilisation of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.
17. Any person violating these containment 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 Sec. 188 of the IPC (as per Appendix).
18. The above containment measures will remain in force, in all parts of the UT, for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020.


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SECRETARY TO GOVT. (R&R)

To
All concerned

Copy to:

1. The Collector, Karaikal
2. The Sr. Supdt. of Police (Law & Order), Puducherry.
3. The Regional Administrator, Mahe/ Yanam.
4. The Sub Divisional Magistrate (North/South/Mahe/Yanam), Puducherry.
5. The Director, Health & Family Welfare Services, Puducherry.
6. The Director, Department of Information & Publicity, Puducherry
- to create wide publicity
7. The Commissioners - Municipality/Commune Panchayats
8. The Superintendent of Police (North/East/West/South/Mahe/Yanam),
Puducherry
9. The Enforcement Team Heads - for surveillance.

Copy to:

10. All Secretaries, Govt. of Puducherry.
11. All Head of Departments, Puducherry
12. The PS to the Chief Secretary, Puducherry.
12. The PS to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Puducherry.
13. The PS to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry.
14. The PS to the Hon'ble Ministers of Puducherry.

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