Government of Himachal Pradesh Department of Health and Family Welfare

No. HFW-A-A(3)1/2020

Dated Shimla-2

the 14th April, 2020

ORDER

Whereas, in order to contain the spread of COVID-19, which has been declared as a pandemic by World Health Organization, guidelines have been issued under Section 10 (2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide the Order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24th March, 2020 and subsequent addenda, which are applicable throughout the country till today. From the address to the nation made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India today, it is gathered that fresh guidelines are likely to be issued by the Government of India with/ without modification (s) in a phased manner, which will be initially applicable upto 20.4.2020 and thereafter, upon re-assessment and evaluation of the situation, upto 3.5.2020.

Whereas, in view of the urgency and importance of social distancing, adoption of isolation measures for prevention and containment of the spread of COVID-19 and breaking the chain of transmission by curtailing and restricting the movement of public at large to the bare minimum, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has imposed certain restrictions on the movement of public/ vehicles, opening of public offices, facilities/ shops, commercial establishments, factories, workshops, godowns etc. vide this department's Orders of even number dated 21st March, 2020, 22nd March, 2020, 23rd March, 2020, 26th March, 2020 and 31st March, 2020.

Whereas, 'curfew' has also been imposed in various parts of the State by the concerned District Magistrates having jurisdiction in view of the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. 'Hotspots' and clusters have been

identified, where spread of the COVID-19 has been noticed or is apprehended. Stringent restrictions have been imposed in such areas.

Whereas, it has been deemed appropriate that the restrictions imposed and the preventive measures adopted should be continued in the State in the public interest

Now Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Clause 3 of the Himachal Pradesh Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 issued vide this department's notification of even number dated 14th March, 2020 under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, it is hereby directed that:

- All social, cultural, sports, political, religious, academic, family mass gathering (s) of any kind and purpose shall continue to be banned.
- 2. All interstate and intrastate movement public and private stage and contract carriages including taxis, auto-rickshaws etc. is prohibited. There will be total prohibition on movement or plying of trains and commercial aircrafts. The private vehicles will be plied only if essentially required for visiting hospitals and for availing/ maintenance of essential services.
- 3. All offices under the Government of Himachal Pradesh shall continue to remain closed. The employees are directed to continue to stay at home and follow all the social distancing guidelines as prescribed from time to time. They are further directed to make themselves available for duty, in case required in exigency by their respective Controlling Officer, at short notice.
- All educational institutions, schools, colleges, universities, technical and vocational training institutions, ITI's, Polytechnics, Engineering Colleges, Medical Colleges, Paramedical Training



Institutes, Anganwaris, Creches, Pre-nursery Schools etc., in the public as well as private sector, shall continue to remain closed.

- All the beauty parlours, hair cutting saloons, gyms, clubs, swimming pools, golf clubs, sports complexes etc. shall also continue to remain closed.
- Every citizen shall use mask/ homemade face cover while stepping out of his/ her premises.

However, the following exemptions and exceptions are allowed in the public interest subject to further restrictions/ relaxations, if any imposed/ allowed by the Government of India, the State Government or the concerned District Magistrate from time to time in normal/ sensitive areas:

- (i) This Order shall not be applicable to the offices/ organizations/ commercial establishments/ factories/ institutions/ workshops/ godowns, shops, stores, production/manufacturing units, vehicles, hospitals, petrol pumps, oil agencies, e-commerce delivery units etc. charged with essential and emergency services as notified by the Government of India, the State Government or the concerned District Magistrate from time to time.
- (ii) All the Administrative Secretaries and Heads of Departments under the Government of Himachal Pradesh shall be present in their offices with skeletal/ bare minimum staff.

This Order shall be applicable w.e.f. 15th April, 2020 till 3rd May, 2020 or till further orders, whichever is earlier.

(R.D. Dhiman), Additional Chief Secretary (Health) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

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- 14. The Director, Medical Education & Research, H.P., Shimla-171009.
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- 16. The Director, Health Safety & Regulations, Himachal Pradesh.
- 17. The Director, Dental Health Services, Himachal Pradesh.
- 18. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Himachal Pradesh.
- 19. The Principals of all the Government Medical Colleges of the State.
- 20. All the Chief Medical Officers in Himachal Pradesh.
- 21. Guard file.

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