No. EDN-HE(21)A(03)06/2020-V-Vol-II Directorate of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh,



Dated:

Shimla-171001 the

November, 2021

To

1 All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education in Himachal Pradesh

2 All the Principals/Headmasters Govt./Pvt.Sr.Sec./High Schools in Himachal Pradesh

Subject: -

Regarding reopening of Schools in Himachal Pradesh.

In Pursuance to orders No. Rev(DMC) (C)20-2/2020-COVID-19 dated 08-11-2021, issued by the Revenue Department – Disaster Management Cell, Government of Himachal Pradesh and further conveyed by the Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of H.P. vide his letter No. letter No. EDN-B-B(14)-12/2018-L dated 8th November, 2021 and also in continuation to this Directorate letter of even No. dated 08-10-2021, whereby it has been decided that "Education Department is now allowed to open the Schools from Class 3rd onwards w.e.f. 10.11.2021, for classes 1st & 2nd schools will be allowed to open w.e.f. 15.11.2021. Education Department Shall adhere to the COVID-19 safety protocol and COVID-19 appropriate behavior and protocols". In this context, you are, therefore, directed to take further necessary action in the matter as per following:-

- 1. "No Mask No Service" policy will remain operational in the State.
- 2. In indoor / covered areas and open spaces, for social / academic / sports / entertainment / culture / political / religious and other congregations are allowed with 50% of the capacity subject to adherence of the COVID-19 safety protocols and COVID appropriate behavior. The Schools in the State have already been reopened for the classes 9th to 12th w.e.f. 27-09-2021 and for classes 8th to 12th w.e.f. 11-10-2021.
- 3. School Administration will strictly follow the standard SOPs issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Education Department of School Education and Literacy on 05.10.2020 as well as the State Government from time to time. School administration will ensure sanitization of school campus, compulsory wearing of mask, hand sanitization and maintenance of physical distancing. Further, the link regarding SOP's is also available on the Departmental website at https://education.hp.gov.in/sites/default/files/SOP_2.pdf
- 4. On line study material through Har Ghar Pathshala will also continue to available to the students.

It is therefore, directed to follow these instruction in letter and spirit and the strict compliance of implementation of the orders be ensured.

Endst. No. Even Dated Shimla-1 the Copy for information and further necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2, w.r.t. letter referred to above.

2. The Director of Elementary Education, HP Shimla-1.

3. State Project Director (ISSE) Himachal Pradesh Shimla-1.

4 The Technical Officer, IT Cell with the direction to upload conspicuously this letter on the Departmental website.

5. Guard file.

Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh Shimla-1

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