

ABSTRACT

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – COVID-19 – Lockdown extended in the territorial jurisdictions of the State of Tamil Nadu till 24:00 hrs of 30.4.2021 with existing guidelines and relaxations – Increase in the number of Covid-19 positive cases - Further restrictions Ordered - Notification – Issued

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No.346

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Dated: 18.04.2021

Read:

- G.O.Ms.No.152, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department, dated 23.03.2020
- Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1(A), dated 25.03.2020.
- 3. G.O.(Ms)No.172, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated:25.03.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
- 4. G.O.(Ms)No.193, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 15.04.2020
- 5. G.O.(Ms)No.198, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 20.04.2020.
- G.O.(Ms)No.217 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:03.5.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
- G.O.(Ms)No.245 Revenue and Disaster Management (DMII), Department, dated:18.05.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
- 8. G.O.(Ms)No.262 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM- II), Department, dated:31.05.2020.
- 9. GO.Ms.No.299 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated: 16.6.2020.
- 10. GO.Ms.No.305, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated: 17.6.2020.

- 11. GO.Ms.No.314, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated: 22.6.2020
- 12. GO.Ms.No.324, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated: 30.06.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
- 13. GO.Ms.No.396, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, Dated: 31.07.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
- 14. GO.Ms.No.447, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV), Department, Dated: 31.08.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
- G.O. Ms.No.541, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 30.09.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
- G.O. Ms.No.613, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 31.10.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
- 17. G.O. Ms.No.673, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 30.11.2020 and amendments issued thereon.
- G.O. Ms.No.820, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 31.12.2020 and amendments issued thereon
- G.O. Ms.No.84, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 31.01.2021 and amendments issued thereon.
- G.O. Ms.No.318, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 28.02.2021 and amendments issued thereon.
- 21. G.O. Ms.No.339, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 31.03.2021 and amendments issued thereon.
- 22. G.O. Ms.No.342, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 08.04.2021.
- 23. G.O. Ms.No.343, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 10.04.2021.
- 24. Government Press Release No 219 dated 18.04.2021.
- 25. Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration Lr.No.OC-I/ 563/2020, dated 18.04.2021.

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS on considering the recommendations of the expert team of Doctors and Public Health Specialists and based on the directives of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, State-wide lockdown was extended from time to time and lastly extended till 24:00 hrs of 30.4.2021 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 in GO.Ms.No.339,

Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV) Department, dated 31.3.2021 with various relaxations and certain restrictions.

- 2. Subsequently, certain restrictions have also been imposed in respect of the activities already permitted taking into account the increasing trend of Covid-19 cases across the State vide G.O. Ms.No.342, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 08.04.2021 and G.O. Ms.No.343, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 10.04.2021.
- 3. The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration besides informing that in the Government Press Release, 24th read above, certain activities have been prohibited and restrictions have also been imposed in respect of the activities permitted already has also sent a proposal recommending for issue of Government Order for prohibiting certain activities and imposing certain restrictions on the permitted activities for the effective containment of Covid-19.
- 4. Now therefore the Government hereby accept the proposal of the Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner of Revenue Administration and to issue the following order for the effective containment of Covid-19 which would take effect from early hours of 20.04.2021 until further orders:-

i. Night curfew:

- a. Night curfew will be enforced throughout the State from 10.00 P.M. to 4.00 A.M. During the night curfew, private / public bus transport, auto, taxi and private vehicles will not be permitted. Intra State and Inter State Private / Public Bus Transport shall not be permitted from 10.00 P.M. to 4.00 A.M.
- The employees of Private / Public Bus Transport shall ensure that the Covid-19 appropriate behaviour, viz., wearing of face masks, thermal screening, avoiding overcrowding is strictly followed.
- c. However, auto, taxi and private vehicles will be allowed to ply for medical emergencies and to ferry passengers from Railway Stations and Airports. Further, essential services such as supply of milk, distribution of newspapers, hospitals, medical labs, pharmaceutical shops, ambulance and hearse vehicle Services and allied medical related activities, goods vehicles, Fuel Vehicles (Petrol, Diesel and LPG) will be permitted during the night curfew.
- d. Both Electronic and Print Media shall continue to operate during the night curfew.
- e. Petrol and Diesel Bunks shall be permitted to function during the night curfew.

Continuous Process Industries and **Industries** manufacturing essential commodities are permitted to function during the night curfew with safety measures in Staff / Workers of the above industries and personnel of private security agencies working in night shift shall be permitted to travel by carrying their ID Cards/ permission letters issued by the respective organizations. Further, staff/workers of all other industries who have completed their shift in the late evening or night will be permitted to travel back to their homes by carrying their ID cards/permission letters issued by the respective industries.

ii. Complete Lockdown on Sundays:-

- a. Complete lockdown shall be enforced throughout the State on all Sundays without any relaxations. All shops including the Fish Stalls, Chicken and other meat stalls, Cinema Theatres and Shopping Malls shall be closed. However, Vegetable Shops alone shall be permitted to function from 5.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M.
- b. Further, essential services such as supply of milk, distribution of newspapers, hospitals, medical labs, pharmaceutical shops, ambulance and hearse vehicle Services and allied medical related activities, goods vehicles, Fuel Vehicles (Petrol, Diesel and LPG), E-commerce activities will be permitted during the complete lockdown.
- c. During complete lockdown, Parcel food only shall be permitted in the restaurants from 6.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M., 12.00 Noon to 3.00 P.M. and 6.00 P.M. to 9.00 P.M. E-commerce food delivery entities like Swiggy, Zomato shall be permitted to operate only during this time schedule.
- d. Both Electronic and Print Media shall continue to operate.
- e. Continuous Process Industries and Industries manufacturing essential commodities are permitted to function during this complete lockdown.
- f. By following the Standard Operating Procedures already issued, marriages and marriage related gathering shall be permitted with guests not exceeding 100 and in respect of funeral / last rites, the number of persons shall not exceed 50.

iii. General:

 a. Both local and outstation tourists shall not be permitted in all the Tourist places like Nilgiris District, Kodaikanal and Yercaud.

- All Beaches across the State shall be closed for public on all days.
- c. Parks/Gardens, Zoological Parks, Museums, Archaeological Monuments and Excavation sites across the State shall be closed for public on all days.
- d. IT/ITEs organizations shall initiate necessary action to ensure that minimum 50% of their employees work from home.
- e. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, **Tea Shops**, Restaurants, Vegetable Shops, all shops including Provision Stores, Shopping Malls, big showrooms and big format stores shall be permitted to function till 9.00 P.M. with maximum of 50% customer capacity at a time.
- Considering the increase in the spread of Covid-19, Religious congregations and 'Tiruvizhakkal' have already been prohibited from 10.4.2021. However, "Kudamuzhukku/ Tiruvizha" shall be permitted by following the Standard Operating Procedures with not more than 50 persons including the employees/ management of the temple and the general public, in case if the permission has already been obtained from the District Religious and Charitable Collector/Commissioner, Hindu Endowments Board in this regard or the date for the conduct of "Kudamuzhukku /Tiruvizha" has been finalized earlier and prior arrangements have already been made for the conduct of the above ritual. Considering the increasing trend of Covid-19, the concerned temple management committees are requested to temporarily postpone the "Kudamuzhukku /Tiruvizha" if any, proposed and as such permission shall not be granted in the prevailing pandemic situation.
 - g. Public Exams for 12th Standard State Board Students shall be postponed. However, the practical exams for the 12th Standard Students which are being conducted now, shall continue as already scheduled.
- h. Professors of Colleges / Universities shall be permitted to conduct online classes from home.
- All Educational training institutions, Government/Private Coaching/training centres shall conduct online training classes only.
- j. Summer Camps shall not be permitted.
- k. Hotels which are willing to function as Covid Care Centres shall in co-ordination with the Private Hospitals having adequate infrastructure and health facilities be permitted to function as Covid Care Centres. The officials of the Health Department shall inspect and accord necessary permission in this regard. Guests shall not be permitted in the Hotels functioning as Covid Care Centres.

- I. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, Marriages have been permitted with guests not exceeding 100. However, the management of the Marriage Halls shall ensure that Covid-19 appropriate behaviour, viz., wearing of face masks, cleaning of hands using hand sanitizers/ soap and maintaining social distancing is strictly followed in the Marriage Halls, failing which appropriate action shall be initiated against the proprietor of the Marriage Hall.
- m. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, Cinemas / Multiplex/ Theatres have been permitted to function with 50% seating capacity. However, the management of the Cinemas / Multiplex / Theatres shall ensure that Covid-19 appropriate behaviour, viz., wearing of face masks, cleaning of hands using hand sanitizers/ soap and maintaining social distancing is strictly followed, failing which appropriate action shall be initiated against proprietor of the Cinema Hall.
- n. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, Restaurants and Tea Shops have been permitted to function with 50% seating capacity. However, the proprietor of the restaurants/ Tea Shops shall ensure that Covid-19 appropriate behaviour, viz., wearing of face masks, cleaning of hands using hand sanitizers/ soap and maintaining social distancing is strictly followed.
- 5. Special Monitoring Teams would be formed in all the districts to monitor the strict enforcement of the restrictions imposed for the effective containment of Covid-19. Stern action shall be initiated against the persons violating the guidelines issued to control spread of Covid-19.
- 6. The Government also orders that no activities shall be permitted in the Containment Zones and that the restrictions in the Containment Zones would be further intensified.
- 7. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/District Collectors shall take all necessary measures to promote COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. Strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing must be ensured. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/ District Collectors may initiate appropriate action for imposing fines on persons not wearing face masks in public and work spaces. Further, the Standard Operating Procedures issued for various activities shall be strictly enforced by the authorities concerned, who shall be responsible for their short observance.
- 8. Any person violating these 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 Section188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

9. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation / District Collectors are instructed to ensure the strict enforcement of the guidelines, adherence of the Standard Operating Procedures issued for various activities and the National Directives for Covid-19 Management.

(By Order of the Governor)

RAJEEV RANJAN CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No. 342

Dated: 08.04.2021

சார்வரி ப<mark>ங்குனி 26</mark> திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு, 2052

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21.G.O. Ms.No.339, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 31.3.2021.

22. From the Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, letter No.OCI/563/2020, Dated 7.4.2021.

23. Press Release Dated: 8.4.2021

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2. It is informed that despite effective containment activities taken up, there has been considerable increase in the number of COVID-19 cases day by day across the State in the recent days and the very reason for the increase in the number of positive cases is due non adherence of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour viz., wearing of face masks in the public places, maintaining social distancing, following the Standard Operating Procedures etc., by the General Public. The Chief Secretary to Government, Government of Tamil Nadu held a discussion with expert team of Doctors and Public Health Specialists on 23.3.2021, Secretaries of

various departments and Public Health and Medical Experts on 5.4.2021 and 7.4.2021 and they observed that besides taking effective containment measures, restrictions should also be intensified across the State in order to control the spread of COVID-19. Based on the outcome of the discussion and taking into account the increasing trend of COVID-19 cases across the State, it becomes imperative to impose certain restrictions as part of the graded and dynamic response for the effective containment of COVID-19 in the State.

- 3. The Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration in the letter 22nd read above has suggested certain restrictions and accordingly requested to issue amendment to G.O. Ms.No.339, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated: 31.3.2021.
- 4. The Government based on the proposal of Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration hereby issue following amendment to G.O.Ms.No.339, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV), Department, Dated 31.3.2021 as detailed below with effect from 10.4.2021:
- A. The following content shall be added as Section (ii) and Section (iii) under Caption I (Under Prohibited Activities):
 - ii. Considering the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, 'Tiruvizhakkal' and religious congregations shall remain prohibited.
 - iii. Fruits and Vegetable retail outlets in Koyambedu Market Complex shall be prohibited. Similarly, fruits and vegetable retail outlets in Wholesale Markets in all the districts shall also remain prohibited.
- B. The following content shall be added as Caption I-A (Permitted Activities) after Caption I.
 - I-A. The following activities shall be allowed with restrictions in addition to the existing permitted activities throughout the State including the areas falling under the jurisdiction of Greater Chennai Police (Except in containment zones):

The General Public should co-operate for the effective containment of COVID-19. Further, the management of industries, shopping complex, Private Organizations, Offices and restaurants shall ensure Thermal Scanning, Use of Hand Sanitizers and Wearing of Face Masks by their employees, officials and general public. Persons without face masks shall not be allowed to enter the premises.

i. Industries shall be permitted to function by strictly following the Standard Operating Procedures already issued by Government. Industrial establishments shall arrange

for the vaccination of their employees based on the guidelines issued by Government of India from time to time and stern action would be initiated against the industries and organisations in case of violation of the Standard Operating Procedures.

- ii. By following the Standard Operating Procedures, both public and private intra-state bus transport and Metropolitan Buses operated in Greater Chennai limits shall be permitted. However, the passengers should be restricted to the seating capacity available in the buses and passengers shall not be permitted to travel standing.
- iii. Buses to Puducherry, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are being operated. Considering the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, the passengers be restricted to the seating capacity in the buses and passengers shall not be allowed to travel standing.
- iv. All shops including vegetable shops, provision stores, shopping malls, big show rooms and big format stores shall be permitted to function till 11.00 P.M. with maximum of 50% customer capacity at a time and by strictly following the Standard Operating Procedures viz., wearing face masks, maintaining social distancing, hand sanitation etc.,
- v. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, restaurants, food courts and tea shops shall be permitted to operate till 11.00 P.M. with 50% of seating capacity. Take away (parcel food) will be permitted upto 11.00 P.M.
- vi. Recreation Clubs shall be permitted to function with 50% seating capacity.
- vii. Entertainment / Amusement parks, auditoriums, assembly halls, Zoological Parks, Museums and other similar places shall be permitted to function with 50% of the capacity by following the Standard Operating Procedure.
- viii. Cinemas/theatres/Multiplexes shall be permitted to function with 50% of the seating capacity by following the Standard Operating Procedure issued already.
 - ix. All social/ political/ academic/ entertainment/ sports/ cultural and other functions shall be permitted in closed spaces with a maximum ceiling of 200 persons after duly following the Standard Operating Procedures.
 - x. By following the Standard Operating Procedures, Marriage related gathering shall be permitted with guests not exceeding 100 and in respect of Funeral/last rites, the number of persons shall not exceed 50.

- xi. Stadia and Play Grounds shall be permitted to function for conducting sports competitions. However, spectators shall not be permitted.
- xii. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, Swimming Pools shall be **permitted** only for sports training.
- xiii. Following the Standard Operating Procedures, Exhibition Halls shall be permitted only for Business to Business purposes.
- xiv. All religious places / places of worship shall be permitted for public worship till 8.00 P.M. by strictly following the Standard Operating Procedures issued by Government on 31.08.2020. However, essential rituals are permitted with the participation of only the employees of the respective religious place. Religious congregations and 'Tiruvizhakkal' shall remain prohibited in all religious places / places of worship.
- XV. Shooting of Films relating to Cinema Industry including T.V. serial shooting shall continue to be permitted. However, the respective production establishment shall ensure that the artists and workers involved in the shooting undergo RTPCR Tests / Vaccination.
- xvi. Rental vehicles and Taxis including Cab aggregation have already been permitted to ply with three passengers excluding driver from 1.7.2020. However, there shall be strict enforcement of the restriction imposed on the number of passengers.
- xvii. Autos have already been permitted to ply with two passengers excluding driver from 1.7.2020. However, there shall be strict enforcement of the restriction imposed on the number of passengers.
- xviii. The E-registration system (https://eregister.tnega.org) shall continue to be in force for the persons coming to Tamil Nadu from other States (other than State of Puducherry, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh) and other countries.

With a view to contain the spread of disease in Greater Chennai Corporation limits, field level teams would be formed for each of the zones in order to monitor the situation. Similarly, monitoring teams shall also be formed in all the districts.

In order to curb the movement of persons in the Containment Zones, team of officials from Police, Local Bodies and Health Department will be formed for physical monitoring of the containment zone round the clock (24×7) . Besides continuing the

containment activities, focus volunteers would also be involved to cater to the essential needs of the people living in Containment Zones.

Instructions are issued to Health, Police, Revenue Departments and Local Bodies for intensifying the fever camps, surveillance of persons with fever, cough and cold on a daily basis and contact tracing etc. The District Collectors, Commissioner, Greater Chennal Corporation and Heads of Departments concerned are also instructed to strictly enforce the National Directives for Covid-19 Management viz., wearing of masks in public places, maintaining social distancing, hand hygiene etc., to control the spread of COVID-19.

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COVID-19 - Comprehensive Guidelines for COVID-19 - Modified Orders - Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (P1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.88

Dated: 24.02.2021

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Read:

- 1. G.O.(Ms) No.319, Health and Family Welfare (P1) department, dated 31.08.2020.
- 2. Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Guidelines for International Arrivals, dated 17.02.2021.
- 3. From the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Letter Ref. No. 4736/Epi/S1/2021, dated: 23.02.2021.

ORDER:

In the Government order first read above, the Government have issued Comprehensive Guidelines for COVID-19.

- 2. Based on the revised guidelines issued by the Government of India second read above for International arrivals with effect from 22nd February 2021 (23.59 Hrs IST), the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has sent a proposal for issue of revised guidelines vide the letter third read above.
- 3. The Government after careful examination of the above guidelines issued by the Government of India and in partial modification of the orders issued in the Government order first read above, issue the following comprehensive guidelines for COVID-19 with immediate effect:-

1. Testing Strategies

- 1. All symptomatic (ILI Symptoms) individuals with history of International travel in the last 14 days.
- 2. All symptomatic (ILI symptoms) contacts of laboratory confirmed cases.
- 3. All symptomatic (ILI symptoms) health care workers / frontline workers involved in containment and mitigation of C0VID-19
- 4. All patients of Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI).
- 5. Asymptomatic direct and high-risk contacts of a confirmed case to be tested once between day 5 and day 10 of coming into contact.
- 6. All symptomatic ILI within hotspots/containment zones.
- 7. All hospitalized patients who develop ILI symptoms.
- 8. All symptomatic ILI among returnees and migrants within 7 days of illness.

9. No emergency procedure (including deliveries) should be delayed for lack of test. However, sample can be sent for testing if indicated as above (1-8), simultaneously.

NB:

- ILI case is defined as one with Acute Respiratory infection with fever ≥ 38°C AND cough.
- SARI case is defined as one with Acute Respiratory Infection with fever ≥ 38°C AND cough AND requiring hospitalization.
- All testing in the above categories is recommended by real time RT-PCR test only.

Testing Guidelines

Category A: Persons coming from Other State/Union Territory (Air, Railway and Road)

- i. Thermal screening is mandatory.
- ii. All passengers (other than Maharashtra and Kerala) have to undergo self monitoring of their health for 14 days. (During the period, if the individual develops fever, cough, breathlessness they shall visit health facility)
- iii. All passengers who travelled from Maharashtra and Kerala have to undergo 7 days of Home Quarantine and 7 days of self monitoring on their health. (During the period, if the individual develops fever, cough, breathlessness they shall visit health facility)
- iv. Testing to be done on Symptomatic persons coming from other States/Union Territory
- v. If they test positive and they are Symptomatic they will be taken to hospital isolation. If they are positive and asymptomatic they will be taken to COVID Care Centre for Management.
- vi. If they test negative and they are asymptomatic, they will be advised to self monitor themselves for 14 days.
- vii. If they test negative and they are symptomatic, they will be taken to Hospital isolation and be decided based on Medical Opinion.

Category B: For all International travellers except travellers coming through flights originating from United Kingdom, Brazil, South Africa, Europe and Middle East

- i. All travellers should submit self-declaration form on the online Air Suvidha portal (www.newdelhiairport.in).
- ii. All passengers should upload a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR report. This test should have been conducted within 72 hours prior to undertaking the journey. Uploaded false information will be liable for criminal prosecution.
- iii. Thermal screening on arrival is Mandatory.
- iv. The passengers found to be symptomatic during screening shall be immediately isolated and taken to medical facility as per Standard Treatment Protocol.
- v. Self-monitor of their health for 14 days.
- vi. All such passengers shall inform to the State/National Call Centres in case they develop symptoms at any time during the quarantine or self-monitoring of their health.

International travelers arriving at seaports/landports

- i. International travellers arriving through seaports/landports will also have to undergo the same protocol as above, except that facility for online registration is not available for such passengers currently.
- ii. They shall submit the self-declaration form to the concerned authorities of Government of India at seaports/landports on arrival.

Category C:

- I. All international travellers coming/transiting from flights originating from United Kingdom, Brazil, South Africa, Europe and Middle East
 - i. They should submit Self-Declaration Form (SDF) for COVID on the online Air Suvidha portal (www.newdelhiairport.in) before the scheduled travel and to declare their travel history (of past 14 days).
 - ii. They should carry negative RT-PCR Test report for which test should have been conducted within 72 hours prior to undertaking the journey and uploaded on the online portal www.newdelhiairpot.in.
 - a. They will give their sample in the designated area and exit the airport only after confirmation of negative test report.
 - b. Those Coming / transit travellers from United Kingdom, Brazil and South Africa who are found negative on testing at the airport shall be allowed to take their connecting flights and advised quarantine at home for 7 days.
 - c. These travellers shall be tested after 7 days and if negative, released from quarantine, and continue to monitor their health for a further 7 days.
 - d. All those tested positive shall undergo treatment as per Standard Health Protocol.
- II. All other travellers from Europe, Middle East (other than United Kingdom, Brazil and South Africa) who have to exit the destination airport or take connecting flights to their final domestic destination:
 - a. Shall give samples at the designated area and exit the airport.
 - b. If the test report is negative, they will be advised to self-monitor their health for 14 days.
 - c. If the test report is positive, they will undergo treatment as per standard health protocol.
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 - b. The patient shall be tested on 14thday, after having tested positive in the initial test and will be kept in the isolation facility till his sample is tested negative.

- IV. All the contacts* of travellers arriving from United Kingdom, South Africa and Brazil who test positive (either at the airport or subsequently during home quarantine period), shall be subjected to institutional quarantine in separate quarantine centers and would be tested on the 7th day (or early if develop symptoms). Contacts testing positive shall be treated as per Standard Treatment Protocol as mentioned above.
 - * Contacts of the suspect case are the co-passengers seated in the same row, 3 rows in front and 3 rows behind along with identified Cabin Crew, all the community contacts of those travellers who have tested positive (during home quarantine period) would be subjected to institutional quarantine in separate Quarantine Centers for 14 days as per the Indian Council of Medical Research Protocol.

2. Guidelines for Home Isolation of very mild/mild/pre- symptomatic COVID Positive cases.

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- i. The person should be clinically assigned as a very mild case/mild case/ pre-symptomatic case by the treating medical officer.
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- iii. A care giver should be available to provide care on 24x7 basis. Only the assigned caregiver alone should access the patient by taking utmost precaution such as wearing triple layer mask, hand hygiene, social distancing etc. A communication link between the caregiver and hospital is a prerequisite for the entire duration of home isolation
- iv. The patient shall agree to monitor his health and regularly inform his health status to the District Surveillance Officer for further follow up by the surveillance teams.
- v. The patient will fill in an undertaking on self-isolation and shall follow home quarantine guidelines. Such individual shall be eligible for home isolation.
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Policy for termination of Home isolation for very mild/mild/pre-symptomatic COVID cases

- Discharge after 10 days of symptom onset
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- No need of testing RT-PCR

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I. Containment zone is formed for areas where cluster of cases or cluster of cases emerges and cluster is defined as area where more than 3 and

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- v. Extensive inter-personal and community based communication.
- vi. Strict enforcement of social distancing
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A buffer zone has to be delineated around each containment zone based on local conditions, in case of urban area. In case of rural areas 0.5 Km radius can be defined as buffer zone. It shall be appropriately defined by the district administration/local urban bodies with technical inputs at local level.

The focus of action in the buffer zone includes:

- i. Extensive surveillance for cases through monitoring ILI/SARI cases in Health facilities.
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5. Discharge policy for COVID-19 patients

- a. For mild/very mild/pre-symptomatic cases at COVID Care Centre
 - Patient can be discharged after 10 days of tested positive / date of home isolation / date of admission at COVID Care Center and no fever for consecutively 3 days.
 - No need for testing prior to discharge
 - Patient will be advised to follow home isolation for a further period of 7 days after discharge

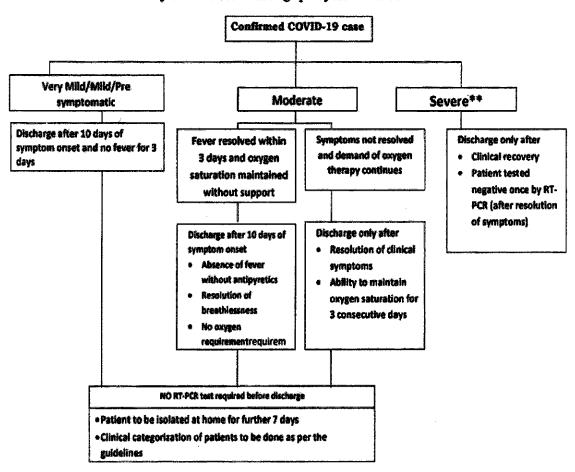
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c. For severe cases

- Clinical recovery
- Patient tested negative once by RT-PCR after resolution of symptoms

Summary of the Revised discharge policy for COVID-19



(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

J.RADHAKRISHNAN, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai – 600 006.

All Deans of the Medical Colleges (through the Director of Medical Education, Chennai- 600 010)

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The Airport Director, Airport Authority of India, Coimbatore Airport.

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Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

PUBLIC (S.C.) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.CSCR/130-303/2020

Dated: 21.12.2020

From

Dr. P. Senthilkumar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government.

To The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Chennai-9

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Dept, Chennai-9

The Director-General of Police, Chennai-4

The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai-3

All District Collectors.

The Airport Directors, Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Trichy Airports.

Sir,

Sub: International arrivals from UK – Mandatory RT-PCR on arrival – Quarantine and other Guidelines – Reg.

Ref: D.O. Letter No. Z-21020/16/2020-PH dated 21st December, 2020, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

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The Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has informed vide D.O. Letter No. Z-21020 /

- 16 / 2020 PH dated 21st December, 2020 that a distinct Phylognetic cluster of SARs-CoV-2 (named lineage B.1.1.7) has been detected and is spreading and growing rapidly in United Kingdom. This development calls for enhanced epidemiological surveillance, enhanced containment and other measures to effectively tackle the challenge.
- 2. Considering the prevailing situation in UK, the Government of India has decided that all flights originating from UK to India to be suspended till 31st December 2020 (23.59 hours). This suspension will start with effect from 23.59 hours, 22nd December 2020. Consequently flights from India to UK shall stand temporarily suspended during above said period. Moreover, around 30 Countries have suspended flights originating from UK. However, transit passengers are expected from UK through other Countries.
- In this regard, the following guidelines are issued by the State Government for strict adherence for the Passengers who are arriving from United Kingdom to Tamil Nadu;
 - i. All the passengers who are travelling to Tamil Nadu from United Kingdom should have negative – RT-PCR Test Report (Test should be taken within 96 hours prior to the arrival). The Air Operator shall not permit passengers who have not tested RT-PCR and tested negative within 96 hours prior to the arrival. The passenger should submit RT-PCR test report result to the staff posted at the airport by the concerned District Collector.
 - ii. Government of India has mandated that all passengers arriving from UK in all international flights (flights in transit) should be subjected to mandatory RT PCR test on arrival at the airport (on payment basis). They shall be put on institutional quarantine for this purpose. If found positive, they should be shifted to hospital quarantine.

- Those who test negative should be advised to isolate themselves for 14 days in home quarantine.
- iii. Adequate arrangements for passengers for RT-PCR test shall be arranged at the airports by the Collectors concerned in association with Health Department for institutional quarantine in hotels at the cost of passengers, till the test results are finalized.
- iv. Relevant information regarding the RT PCR test at the airport on arrival may be prominently displayed in the arrival area and waiting area of the airports.
- All the incoming passengers from United Kingdom shall undergo mandatory thermal screening at the Airport for any symptoms of COVID-19.
- is mandatory generated TN e-Pass Auto ' vi. (https://tnepass.tnega.org/). The passengers should carry the copy of TN e-Pass before boarding. The Airlines should are having passengers that the ensure e-pass copy (Physical/Electronic) with them before boarding.
- vii. All those who test RT-PCR negative and who are asymptomatic will be allowed to go for home and remain in quarantine for 14 days.
- viii. All the passengers will be stamped with home quarantine seal with date with indelible ink before they are allowed to move out of the Airport.
 - ix. The District Collectors of Chengalpet/ Madurai /
 Tirucihrappalli / Coimbatore shall make arrangements for
 necessary officials to be posted at the exit gates of Airport
 Arrival to check the RT-PCT negative Certificate, Stamping
 quarantine seal with date and e-pass.

- x. The District Collectors of Chengalpet/ Madurai / Tiruchirappalli / Coimbatore are also requested to inform the passenger details to the concerned Districts, where the passengers will undergo home quarantine.
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 - a. They should self isolate themselves for 14 days.
 - b. They should not venture out for meeting relatives/shopping/outside visits, while in quarantine.
 - c. They should not interact with children/old aged persons.
 - d. They should be in constant touch with the health department, Police department, Revenue department and local body officials, who will monitor them during the quarantine period. Even after 14 days quarantine period is over, they should keep their contact with health department and local body officials.
- xii. If the individual develops fever, cough, breathlessness etc., they should inform the **District Call centre (1077)** or report to the nearest Government Medical Facility.
- xiii. The District Collectors are requested to instruct all the health authorities and local bodies to monitor health conditions of passengers who are arriving from United Kingdom to Tamil Nadu, on a daily basis through regular visits and over telephone. If the individual is found to be not following the home quarantine guidelines, the District Collector should put him/her in hospital quarantine.

- xiv. All the passengers should submit self declaration form to the following effect, at the time of arrival
 - I /We am/are will adhere to all the Government Guidelines regarding COVID-19.
 - If I/We develop any of the Covid-19 symptoms during my stay, I will contact the concerned health authorities and follow necessary COVID-19 Protocol.

I/We will submit the mobile numbers/ contact details to the nearest health authorities.

Yours faithfully,

C.U. Sil

for Principal Secretary to Government



ABSTRACT

COVID-19 - Health and Family Welfare department - Comprehensive Guidelines for COVID-19 - Revised Orders - Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (P1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.319

Dated: 31.08.2020 Thiruvalluvar Aandu-2051 Sarvari, Aavani - 15

Read:

- 1 G.O.Ms.No.219, Health and Family Welfare (P1) department, dated 18.05.2020.
- 2 G.O.Ms.No.249, Health and Family Welfare (P1) department, dated 17.06.2020.
- 3 G.O.Ms.No.285, Health and Family Welfare (P1) department, dated 30.07.2020.
- 4 G.O.Ms.No.297, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department, dated 13.08.2020.
- From the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine Letter No.4736/IDSP/2020, Dated 14.08.2020.
- 6 G.O.Ms.No.444, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM.I (2)) Department, dated 27.08.2020.
- 7 Press Release No.182 of Hon'ble Chief Minister, dated 30.08.2020.

In the Government orders first to fourth read above, Guidelines on testing, quarantine and exemption of passengers from other Districts / States / Countries travelling to Tamil Nadu have been issued.

- 2. In the letter fifth read above, the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has sent a proposal to the Government for issuing the Comprehensive Guidelines for COVID-19 and requested necessary orders in the matter.
- 3. After careful examination, the Government hereby issue the Comprehensive Guidelines for COVID-19 as detailed below. These guidelines will take effect from 1.9.2020.

1. Testing Strategies (Mandatory Testing)

 All International Travelers entering Tamil Nadu without RT-PCR Test (Test taken within 96 hours prior to the arrival)

- ii. All symptomatic (ILI Symptoms) individuals with history of International travel in the last 14 days.
- iii. All symptomatic (ILI symptoms) contacts of laboratory confirmed cases.
- iv. All symptomatic (ILI symptoms) health care workers / frontline workers involved in containment and mitigation of COVID-19
- v. All patients of Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI).
- vi. Asymptomatic direct and high-risk contacts of a confirmed case to be tested once between day 5 and day 10 of coming into contact.
- vii. All symptomatic ILI within hotspots/containment zones.
- viii. All hospitalized patients who develop ILI symptoms.
- ix. All symptomatic ILI among returnees and migrants within 7 days of illness.
- x. No emergency procedure {including deliveries} should be delayed for lack of test. However, sample can be sent for testing if indicated as above (i-viii), simultaneously.

NB:

- ILI case is defined as one with Acute Respiratory infection with fever ≥ 38°C AND cough.
- ii. SARI case is defined as one with Acute Respiratory Infection with fever ≥ 38°C AND cough AND requiring hospitalization.
- iii. All testing in the above categories is recommended by real time RT-PCR test only.

Testing Guidelines

<u>Category A: Persons coming from Other State / Union Territory</u> (Air, Railway and Road)

- Thermal screening is mandatory
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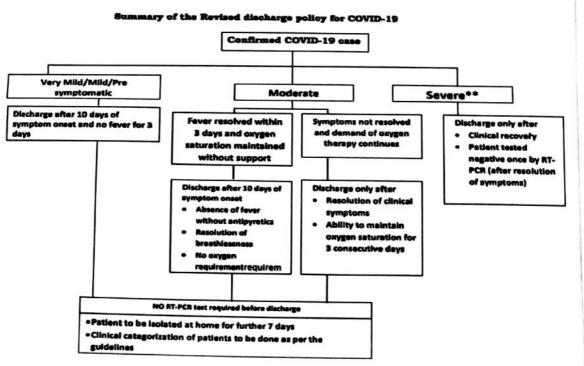
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ABSTRACT

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – COVID-19 – Infection prevention and control – Lockdown promulgated for until 30th June 2020 with certain relaxations – Complete Lockdown in Jurisdiction of Greater Chennai Police Limit and some areas in Chengalpattu and Thiruvallur Districts from 19.06.2020 early morning 00 hrs. to 30.06.2020 midnight 12.00 hrs. Notification – Issued

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-II) DEPARTMENT

GO.Ms.No.299

சார்வரி ஆனி 2 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2051

Dated: 16.6.2020

Read:

- G.O.Ms.No.152, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department, dated 23.03.2020
- Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1(A), dated 25.03.2020.
- G.O.(Ms)No.172, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 25.03.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
- G.O.(Ms)No.192, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 13.04.2020.
- G.O.(Ms)No.198, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M.II) Department, dated 20.04.2020.
- G.O.(Ms)No.207, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:24.04.2020.
- G.O.(Ms)No.217 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:03.5.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
- G.O.(Ms)No.244 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:17.05.2020
- G.O.(Ms)No.245 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:18.05.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
- From Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs Order No.40-3/2020/DM-I(A), dated 30.05.2020.
- G.O.(Ms)No.262 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM II), Department, dated:31.05.2020

- Hon'ble Chief Minister's Press Release, dated
 15.6.2020
- From the Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Letter No.OCI/563/2020 dated 15.6.2020

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS on considering the recommendations of the expert team of Doctors and Public Health Specialists and based on the directives of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, State-wide lockdown was extended from time to time and lastly extended till 24:00 hrs of 30.6.2020 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 in GO.Ms.No.262, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 31.5.2020.

Whereas the number of cases in Greater Chennai Corporation limits and other urban areas in the districts of Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu and Kancheepuram are on the increase due to the large urban population and also the fact that in many zones the houses are located in close proximity and the average living space is also small. The Chief Secretary to Government conducted meeting with District Collectors through video conferencing on 12.06.2020. During the meeting, many Collectors informed that the increase in positive cases in recent times are due to large number of persons coming from Chennai who are testing positive. Therefore, they insisted that more restriction for such movements will give them elbow room to control disease spread. Further, during the review with zonal teams and senior police officials in Greater Chennai Corporation, they expressed their view that internal restrictions in Greater Chennai Police Commissionarate areas will help administration to break disease cycle and focus on early detection of cases through fever clinic, focussed testing, effective contract tracing and efficient management of quarantine and containment area. This will reduce the spread, as movement is restricted and will help to minimize contacts of positively tested cases. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also held the meeting with Medical and Public Health Experts on 15.06.2020 to solicit their views. Therefore, it is felt that an intensified Lockdown may have to be considered in Greater Chennai Police Commissionerate area and certain areas in Thiruvallur, Chengalpattu to prevent the pace at which the disease is spreading. This should be supported with more efficient quarantine and containment area management.

NOW therefore the Government of Tamil Nadu based on the review meetings held on various dates, particularly views expressed by the District Collectors in the meeting held on 12.6.2020 through Video Conference, based on views expressed by the Medical Experts and Public Health Committee on 15.6.2020 and as per the decision taken in the Cabinet meeting held on 15.6.2020 it is hereby ordered to enforce complete lockdown under Disaster Management Act, 2005 for 12 days from

19.06.2020 early morning 00 hrs. to 30.06.2020 midnight 12.00 hrs in Greater Chennai Police Commissionarate areas, in Thiruvallur District-Greater Chennai Police Commissionarate areas in Thiruvallur Districts, Thiruvallur Municipality, Gummindipoondi, Ponneri and Minjur Town Panchayats, all village panchayats in Poovirundhavalli, Eekadu and Sholavaram blocks, in Chengalpattu District, Greater Chennai Police areas in Chengalpattu District, Chengalpattu and Maraimalai Nagar Municipalities, Nandhivaram- Guduvanchery Town Panchayat and all Village Panchayats of Kattankulathur Block and Greater Chennai Police Commissionarate areas in Kancheepuram District.

During this complete lockdown period the following essential services alone would be permitted:

- Hospitals, Medical Labs, pharmaceutical shops, Ambulance and Hearse Vehicle Services and allied Medical related activities.
- Auto, Taxi and Private vehicles will not be permitted. However, auto, taxi and private vehicles will be allowed to ply for medical emergencies.
- 3) State Government Departments will function with 33 percent staff. Further, Departments involved in Essential Services like Secretariat, Health and Family Welfare Department, Police Department, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Electricity, Treasury Department, Aavin, Local Bodies, Drinking Water Supply Department, Labour Welfare Department and Cooperative, Food and Consumer Protection Departments will function with required staff.
- 4) Central Government Offices will function with attendance not exceeding 33 per cent of total staff. Departments dealing with essential services will function with required staff only.
- Staff from Containment Zones need not attend office. However, prior permission should be obtained from the respective officers.
- 6) Banks will work with attendance not exceeding 33 per cent of total staff on 29.06.2020 and 30.06.2020. ATMs, related banking services and transport will be permitted to function normally.
- 7) Public Distribution System shops will function from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. Godowns of Food Corporation of India and Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation and related transportation will be permitted.
- Public Distribution System shops in Containment zones will not function. The staff from these shops will directly hand over the

- relief announced by the Government to the families in these Containment Zones.
- 9) Vegetable shops, Grocery shops and Petrol Bunks will be permitted to operate with certain restrictions with strict implementation of social distancing from 6 A.M. to 2 P.M. Similarly, mobile units for sale of vegetables and fruits is permitted within a specified time from 6 A.M. to 2 P.M. Public who intend to buy essential commodities shall avoid travelling by vehicles and should purchase from the shops near their residence (i.e.) from the shops located within 2 kilometres from their residence.
- 10) Take away (Parcel food) alone will be permitted in the Hotels / Restaurants from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M. Tea Shops will not be permitted to operate. Food delivery will be permitted for the food ordered through phones from Hotels / Restaurants. The workers involved in food delivery should obtain identity cards from the respective organizations.
- Homes for senior citizens / physically challenged / orphans and caregivers of senior citizens residing in their homes are permitted.
- Amma Canteens and Community kitchens run by Government and Local Bodies will continue to function.
- NGOs and Organisations helping the Public would be permitted after obtaining prior permission from the concerned authorities.
- 14) Print and Electronic Media.
- 15) Judiciary and courts.
- Construction works with in-situ labour force will be permitted for above said 12 days.
- 17) In the area falling under Jurisdiction of Greater Chennai Police limit, the workers should be tested for RTPCR once, and for the above mentioned period of 12 days should be accommodated inside the Industries Premises or near by places and allowed to work. Similarly, for those workers who are going from areas of Greater Chennai Police Limit to the industries in other areas should be tested RTPCR once and should be accommodated inside the industries premises or nearby places and allowed to work. The daily movement of the workers from Greater Chennai Police Limit areas will not be permitted in these 12 days. However, the continuous process industries and the Industries Manufacturing Essential Commodities are permitted to function with safety measures in place.

- 18) Movement of Goods and vehicles transporting essential commodities will be allowed during the lock down period.
- 19) E-pass will be restricted to those applicants only, who intend to travel from Chennai to other districts for marriage, funeral and medical emergencies, provided they submit relevant documents.
- 20) The present procedure will continue in respect of the Trains and Flights operated from other states and Flights and Ships coming from abroad.

Complete lockdown will be enforced without any relaxations mentioned above on two Sundays i.e. on 21.6.2020 and 28.6.2020. (i.e. Complete lock down will be enforced from midnight 12.00 hrs on 20.06.2020 to 6.00 A.M. on 22.06.2020 without any relaxations. Similarly, Complete lock down will be enforced from midnight 12.00 hrs on 27.06.2020 to 6.00 A.M. on 29.06.2020 without any relaxations). No activity except Milk distribution, Hospitals, Pharmaceutical Shops, Hospital Vehicles, Ambulance and Hearse Vehicle Services will be permitted during the above two days. Further, private vehicles will be allowed to ply only for medical emergencies.

The Government also order that no activities shall be permitted in the Containment Zones during the lockdown period and that the restrictions in the Containment Zones would be further intensified. However, the essential supplies to the households in Containment Zones and quarantine houses shall be ensured by local administration and that disinfectants would be sprayed twice a day in these areas. The services of 104 (Control room) and 108 (Ambulance) will be further streamlined. Supply of essential goods and health emergency shall be effectively co-ordinated through special control rooms. Wearing of Mask is compulsory and it would be strictly enforced. Repeated washing hands with soap-sanitizers and social distancing should be strictly enforced for the permitted activities.

(By order of the Governor)

K.SHANMUGAM CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.



ABSTRACT

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – COVID-19 – Infection prevention and control – Instructions/Guidelines to be followed by Domestic Air Passengers and major stakeholders including Airport operators for compliance – Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) – Issued.

REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM-II) DEPARTMENT

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Dated: 24.5.2020

Read:

- 1. G.O.(Ms) No.172, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 25.3.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
- 2.G.O.(Ms) No.217, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 3.5.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
- 3. G.O.(Ms) No.244, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 17.5.2020
- 4. G.O.(Ms) No.245, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-II) Department, dated 18.5.2020.
- 5. Go.Ms.No.219, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department, dated 18.5.2020.
- From the Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Letter No.AV 29017/5/2020-DT, dated 21.5.2020.
- 7. From the Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Letter F.NO.Z.28015/19/ 2020-EMR(Pt.), dated 24.5.2020.

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The Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India has announced the operation of domestic flights throughout the country from 25th May 2020.

- 2. In the letter sixth read above, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has issued General Instructions/Guidelines to be followed by passengers and major stakeholders including Airport operators for compliance. All the instructions of Ministry of Civil Aviation regarding the precautionary and preventive measures shall apply.
- 3. In the letter seventh read above, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has issued guidelines for domestic air travel, in which it is indicated that States can develop their own protocol with regard to quarantine and isolation as per their assessment.

4. The Government accordingly issues the following Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for strict adherence.

Procedure for incoming passengers to Tamil Nadu:

- 1. All the incoming passenger shall undergo thermal screening for any symptoms of COVID-19.
- 2. Asymptomatic persons shall undergo home quarantine for 14 days. Passengers who are not having home in Tamil Nadu and register for paid institutional quarantine (Hotel) shall be sent for paid institutional quarantine at designated Hotels. In case they develop any symptoms, they shall inform the district call centre (1077) or report to the nearest Government hospital, on intimation to district nodal officer.
- 3. Those found symptomatic will be isolated and taken to the nearest health facility. They will be subjected to RT-PCR test and will be assessed for clinical severity at the health facility.
 - a) Those tested positive for COVID-19, having moderate or severe symptoms will be admitted to dedicated COVID hospital or health centre and managed accordingly.
 - b) Those tested positive for COVID-19, having mild symptoms will be given the option of home isolation (treatment) or isolated in the COVID-19 care centre.
 - c) Those tested negative for COVID-19, shall remain in home quarantine for 14 days.
- 4. It is mandatory for all the domestic air passengers flying into Tamil Nadu to register their details online and obtain a TN e-PASS through TN e-PASS Portal. After booking the flight ticket, the passenger shall register his/her details in TN e-PASS portal (https://tnepass.tnega.org) duly selecting the airport of arrival in Tamil Nadu. [In TN e-PASS portal select "Flight/Train- registration" and fill in the details)
- 5. The passenger while applying for TN e-PASS shall give the declaration to the following effect, for getting TN e-PASS:
 - i) I/We am/are not residing in any containment zone
 - ii) I/We am/are not suffering from fever/cough/ any respiratory distress.
 - iii) I/We am/are not under quarantine.
 - iv) If I/We develop any of the above mentioned symptoms I shall contact the concerned health authorities, immediately.
 - v) I/We have not tested COVID-19 positive in last two months.
 - vi) I/We am/are eligible to travel as per the extant norms.
 - vii) I/We make my mobile number/contact details available to the TN e-PASS / Government Agencies.
 - viii) I/We understand that if I/We undertake the air journey on false information, without meeting the eligibility criteria, I/We would be liable to penal action.

- ix) I/We undertake to adhere to the health protocol and quarantine norms prescribed by the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- 6. If a passenger does not fulfil any of the above condition (in para 5) he/she is not eligible to fly into Tamil Nadu.
- 7. If more than one person travel in a group, the details of all persons shall be entered using the 'add passenger' option in the TN e-PASS Portal.
- 8. TN e-PASS Travel permit will be issued with a QR Code and a link to download will be sent to the registered mobile number.
- All the passengers will be stamped with 'Quarantine' seal with date with indelible ink before they are allowed to move out of the Airport.
- The Airline shall insist on the details of entry pass obtained from TN e-PASS before issuing the boarding pass through web-check in or through other means.
- 11. Passengers can use own vehicle or rented vehicle for travel from airport to their home / paid institutional quarantine (Hotel). Vehicle number and driver details have to be necessarily entered in the TN e-PASS systems.
- 12. Passengers on arrival in any Tamil Nadu airport shall show the TN e-PASS at the Airport exit. Passengers who are without TN e-PASS will not be allowed to exit the Airport. (However, for the initial few days, arrangements will also be made at airport, for TN e-PASS registration as a transitional arrangement.)
- 13. District Collectors shall make arrangements for necessary infrastructure at the exit gates of airport to check the TN e-PASS, stamping 'Quarantine seal with date' and take necessary followup action on quarantine/treatment.
- 14. Pick up vehicles for arriving passengers will be permitted to enter Airport with one person (excluding driver of the vehicle) at a designated place subject to social distancing norms.
- 15. If the passenger travels in taxi, the prepaid taxis authorised by Airport Authority of India (AAI) will be lined up and details of taxi number, driver's name and phone number shall be entered and linked with the passenger details in the TN e-PASS system before allowing the passenger to move out of the Airport. Taxis shall be disinfected before and after use. All passengers shall wear face mask, use hand sanitizer, follow social distancing norms and other health protocol.

Procedure to be followed at the Airport:

The facilities and guidelines mandated in Ministry of Civil Aviation in the letter sixth read above be ensured at the Airports by the Airport Authorities. a) Temperature checking must be carried out with Thermal Scanner by Airport Health staff.

b) There should be a proper Queue system to reach the desks. Passengers be sent to the health desks in a group of not more than 20, maintaining proper social distancing

c) All luggages should be disinfected by the airport authorities

d) All the officials who directly deal with passengers shall use PPEs, masks and protective gear. The used PPEs/masks shall be disposed following proper protocol.

e) All symptomatic passengers be segregated at the airport for sending them to Isolation facilities in designated ambulances

f) Wheel Chair facility be made available for the needy.

- g) Public address system in the Airports may be used for informing the passengers of this SOP.
- h) Airport staff shall follow all the covid-19 protocol
- i) Any COVID 19 related symptoms in staff must be promptly reported to the Health authorities and be tested with RT-PCR

Procedure for going out of Tamil Nadu:

All domestic outward air travellers shall undergo thermal screening as stipulated by Airport Authority and only persons without symptoms will be allowed to board the flight. For the passenger going out of Tamil Nadu, the boarding pass itself will be used as an authorised document for movement from their home/place of stay to the Airport.

(By Order of the Governor)

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To

All the District Collectors.

The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai.

All Secretaries to Government, Chennai - 600 009

The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005

All Airport Directors in Tamil Nadu.

All Airline operators in Tamil Nadu.

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