

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR
Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction
State Executive Committee
Civil Secretariat, J&K.

Sub: Restrictions for COVID containment- regarding

Government Order No. 49-JK (DMRRR) of 2021.

Dated: 11.07.2021

- 1) Whereas a detailed review of the current COVID situation in Jammu and Kashmir was conducted by the Chief Secretary, J&K, with the Addl. Chief Secretary, Health and Medical Education; Principal Secretary to Government, Home; Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police and other officers of Jammu and Kashmir on 09-07-2021; and
- 2) Whereas the above said review was conducted on an overall assessment of the situation pertaining to the spread of COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly focusing on the following parameters –
 - a. Total weekly new cases (per million).
 - b. Total positivity rate.
 - c. Bed Occupancy.
 - d. Case fatality rate.
 - e. Vaccination coverage of targeted population.
- 3) Whereas it was observed that as compared to the previous week, while significant improvement has been made by 16 districts in respect of the above parameters, there is need for further improvement in interest of public health in all districts. Besides, some districts need intense efforts to reach desired levels. As such, there is a need to continue with existing COVID containment measures in these districts.
- 4) Now therefore, the State Executive Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred up on it under section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, hereby orders that the guidelines / instructions on COVID containment in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir already notified vide Government Orders 35 and 36 – JK (DMRRR) of 2021 dated 29-05-2021 shall continue to remain in force till further orders. However, the following **relaxations are granted in 16 districts viz.,** Jammu, Kathua, Samba, Poonch, Rajouri, Kishtwar, Ramban, Udhampur, Anantnag, Bandipora, Baramulla, Budgam, Ganderbal, Pulwama, Kulgam and Shopian –

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- a. There shall be no weekend curfew in these districts. However, daily night curfew will continue to exist from 8 pm to 7 am. Concerned District Magistrates shall issue Orders under CrPC to this effect.
- b. Restaurants and Bars can open for in-dining from 7 am till 10 pm at 50 percent of its total capacity, only for the customers who are vaccinated or are carrying a negative RT-PCR or RAT report of 48 hours prior. The owners / staff / managers of the establishments will have to ensure compliance to it. The District Magistrates shall strictly enforce this measure.
- c. All outdoor shops are permitted to open on all days, only from 7 am till 7 pm. The market associations will have to fully cooperate with the local administration in ensuring strict compliance to the COVID appropriate behaviour.
- d. All shops in the indoor shopping complexes / Malls can open, only from 7 am till 7 pm, only for the consumers who are vaccinated or for customers with negative RT-PCR or RAT report of 48 hours prior. The shop owners / managers / staff will have to ensure compliance to it. The District Magistrates shall strictly enforce this measure.
- e. Indoor sports complexes and Gyms are also permitted to open at 50 percent of its total capacity for persons vaccinated/ persons with valid negative report for Covid. The Swimming Pools will, however, continue to remain closed.
- f. Paid Public Parks are also permitted to open only for the vaccinated public.

5) In respect of the other districts, the State Executive Committee orders the following-

- a) Weekend Curfew from Friday 8 pm till Monday 7 am and daily night curfew from 8 pm till 7 am shall continue to remain in force. Concerned District Magistrates shall issue Orders under CrPC to this effect.
- b) All outdoor shops and bazaars are permitted to open on five days in a week (except on Saturdays and Sundays).

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- c) 50 % of the shops in indoor shopping complexes / Malls can open subject to a roster to be issued by concerned Deputy Commissioners.
- d) Restaurants and Bars can open for in-dining **from 7 am till 10 pm** at 50 percent of its total capacity, only for the customers who are vaccinated or are carrying a negative RT-PCR or RAT report of 48 hours prior. The owners / staff / managers of the establishments will have to ensure compliance to it. The District Magistrates shall strictly enforce this measure.

6) In addition to the above, the State Executive Committee further orders as under –

- a) **All Universities, colleges and technical/ skill development Institutions in J&K shall remain closed for imparting on- campus / in-person education to the students till 31.07.2021**, except for the courses/ programs that require physical presence of students on account of laboratory/ research/ thesis work and internship etc. Teaching in all these institutions will be in on-line mode.
- b) **All schools and coaching centers in J&K shall continue to remain closed for imparting on-campus / in-person education to students of all classes till 31.07.2021.**
- c) All Deputy Commissioners shall focus on the Positivity rates of the Medical-Blocks under their jurisdictions. **It has been noticed that 04 Blocks in Kashmir division and 06 Blocks in Jammu have shown Positivity rates higher than 2 % in the past week.** Stricter measures, related to Covid Appropriate Behaviour and opening of activities, will have to be taken by the DCs in these Blocks.
 - i. All Deputy Commissioners shall keep active track of the positivity rates in these Blocks and consider implementing stricter control measures in closed clustered spaces like Public/ Private Offices, Community halls, Malls, Bazaars etc., in case weekly positivity rate goes beyond 4-5 percent in these Blocks.
 - ii. The **three - "T" protocol** of *testing, tracking and treating* needs to be strengthened in these Blocks. The proportion of RT-PCR tests in the total mix should be scaled up, on best effort basis, to 70 % or more, **excluding travelers.**
 - iii. Positive cases so detected as a result of intensive testing need to be isolated / quarantined at the earliest and their contacts should also be

traced at the earliest, and similarly isolated / quarantined and tested, if needed.

- iv. Quick isolation and treatment of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities / hospitals / homes.
- v. The D/o HME, GoJK, shall ensure adequate availability of COVID dedicated health and logistics (including ambulatory) infrastructure, based on their assessment of the case trajectory.
- vi. **MD, NHM in consultation with the DCs shall take up Panchayat level mapping and data capturing for tracking the positivity rates.**

d) There shall be no restrictions on entry of passengers, returnees or travelers coming to Jammu & Kashmir, whether by road, rail or air. However, they will have to compulsorily undergo a COVID-19 antigen test through any of the prescribed methods as per the protocol of the Government of J&K. The protocol for management of COVID positive persons will be followed for all positive cases. The travelers carrying valid and verifiable negative RT-PCR report of 48 hours prior from a recognized testing facility (a copy of which shall be retained by authorities- any false certificate shall render a person liable for action under law) shall be permitted to enter without having to undergo a re-test at the entry point. This shall also apply to the pilgrims coming for Mata Vaishno devi ji pilgrimage at Katra.

e) Vaccination drive shall be intensified by all Deputy Commissioners. All closed public places like government / private offices, banks etc., modes of public transport particularly the local trains / buses etc., malls and showrooms are encouraged to take measures that allow entry / access of such facilities only to the vaccinated people, or if a person is not vaccinated, to a person carrying a valid COVID negative test report within 48 hours prior to entry or on spot test. Concerned Deputy Commissioners may issue appropriate instructions in this regard based on their assessment regarding measures necessary to safeguard public health.

7) The District Magistrates shall strictly ensure that there is full compliance to COVID appropriate behavior and defaulters are firmly dealt with under relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act and the Indian Penal Code. The District Magistrates shall constitute joint teams of Police and Executive Magistrates for enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour. The joint teams shall submit daily report regarding activities carried out by them and their assessment of compliance

level. DCs will initiate campaigns for ensuring COVID appropriate behavior. Dedicated IEC, including Public Announcements through mobile vehicles must be undertaken.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

**Sd/-
Chief Secretary
(Chairperson, State Executive Committee)**

No: DMRRR/PS/Secy/551/2020

Dated: 11.07.2021

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5. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir/Jammu.
6. All Deputy Commissioners.
7. All Superintendents of Police.
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Member-Secretary 11.07.21
State Executive Committee