



ABSTRACT

Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) – Infection Prevention and Control – The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (Central Act No.3 of 1897) – Regulations – Notification - Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (P1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.152

Dated: 23.3.2020
Vihari, Panguni – 10
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Read the following:

G.O.(Ms)No.97, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department ,
dated: 15.03.2020.

G.O.(Ms) No.150, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department,
dated 22.3.2020.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas in exercise of powers under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the Government of Tamil Nadu has already issued the Tamil Nadu COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 for the prevention and containment and prevention of the spread of COVID -19.

2. Whereas it is imperative to put in place strict measures of isolation and social distancing, to contain the spread of COVID-19 in all districts of Tamil Nadu.

3. Therefore, now, under section 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 and regulations made thereof, it is hereby ordered that the following restrictions shall be imposed in the territorial jurisdiction of the **State of Tamil Nadu from 18.00 hrs of 24.3.2020 to 06.00 hrs of 1.4.2020.**

- a) All suspected cases and foreign returnees who arrived after 1st March, 2020, are directed to remain under strict home quarantine for such period as decided by local Health Authorities. They will be monitored on a daily basis by the District

Administration / Revenue Department / Local Bodies / Police authorities / Health Authorities.

- b) People are required to stay at home and come out only for accessing basic and essential services and strictly follow social distancing norms detailed in this order and maintain a distance of 1 meter or 3 feet norms.
- c) Any congregation of more than 5 persons in public places is prohibited (District Collectors and Commissioner of Police, Chennai have to issue orders separately).
- d) All shops, commercial establishments, TASMACHOP shops, shall close their operations subject to the exceptions indicated in this order.
- e) All Government Offices, autonomous bodies, Public Sector Undertakings, shall close, subject to the exception indicated in this order.
- f) Public transport services including operation of private buses, stage/contract carriages, State Transport Undertakings, Metro services, taxis, share-autos, auto-rickshaws and ride sharing services including air-conditioned bus services of State Transport Corporation and private operators will not be permitted. However, exempted categories indicated in this order will be permitted
- g) All Inter-State and inter-district services shall not be operated.
- h) All teachers and staff of all educational institutions shall work from home till 31.3.2020 except, where conduct of examinations/evaluation is required. This, however, will not apply to Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Medical Wing of Annamalai University, all (Government, Private, Self Finance, Deemed Universities) Medical, Dental and Nursing Colleges and these institutions will continue to function.

4. However, establishments providing the following services / activities shall be exempt from the above restrictions: -

List of Exempt Services / Activities

A. State Government, Autonomous Bodies, Corporations etc. –

- i) Departments of the Secretariat and the Heads of Departments of Health and Family Welfare, Public, Home, Finance, RD & PR, MAWS, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection, P&AR, Revenue, Law, Transport, Social Welfare, Industries, Housing, MS&ME, Labour & Employment, regulatory departments like Pollution Control Boards, Legal Metrology, Boiler Administration, Drug Control, Highways and Minor Ports, Public Works Department, Commercial Taxes and Registration, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying, Handloom, Handicrafts Textiles and Khadi, Welfare of Differently Abled, Director of Information and Public Information shall function with required staff.
- ii) Police, Prohibition and Excise, Home Guards, Fire & Rescue Services, Prisons and Social Defence Homes.
- iii) Courts
- iv) District Administration
- v) Public Utilities – Electricity Boards, Public Works Department, Metro Water (TWAD Board), Water Supply, Sewerage and Municipal Services.
- vi) Urban Local Bodies
- vii) Village Panchayats and Panchayat Unions.
- viii) Hospitals and all Health related establishments, including Animal Husbandry
- ix) Regional Transport Offices
- x) Commercial Taxes and Registration Offices
- xi) Treasury and Sub-Treasury
- xii) Public Distribution System shops and related offices

- xiii) Aavin and Milk Unions
- xiv) Amma Canteens with adequate social distancing.
- xv) Any other office considered necessary by the District Collector / State Government.

For those offices that are shut down, the officers / staffs shall remain on "work from home" basis, and can be summoned for duty as and when required and Government employees should be available on call.

B. Government of India Agencies

Defence, Para Military, Tax / Revenue related (eg. Income Tax, Customs, GST etc.), Medical Services & related Public Utilities, Ports Immigration, MEA branch secretariat, FRRO, Development Commissioner, MEPZ, Joint Director, Foreign Trade, Food Corporation of India, Post Offices, Railways, Airports, Doordarshan, All India Radio and any other media.

C. Commercial and Private Establishments

- i) Hospitals, Dispensaries, Clinics, Chemist shops, Optical stores, oxygen cylinder units, Pharmaceuticals, medical equipment manufacturing/service units, health related manufacturing units including mask and sanitation material manufacturing units and their transportation related activities.
- ii) Food including Rice, Pulses, Edible oil, Spices and condiments, Processed food, Groceries, Milk, Bread, Fruit, Vegetable, Meat, Eggs, Fish, Rice and other essential and perishable products and their transportation related activities and warehousing
- iii) Dairy, Poultry feed, fodder, fodder units & Milk Booths.
- iv) Banks & ATM (as per RBI regulations)
- v) Press and Media offices and establishments
- vi) IT, Financial Services Back Offices and ITES Companies. IT and ITES units will ensure employees work from home. Where it is

not feasible to do so, units dealing with critical and essential services will continue to operate taking all protective measures.

- vii) Restaurants, Eateries, Kitchens – only take away (seating not permitted). In tea shop no gathering is allowed.
- viii) Petrol Pumps, LPG Gas and Bottling plants, Oil Agencies, Petroleum & Gas Stations / Depots / product outlets and their godowns transportation.
- ix) Depositories, Stock Brokers and SEBI Registered Participants, subject to SEBI guidelines.
- x) E-Commerce, Pharmaceutical and other essentials. However, home delivery of food items through aggregators like Swiggy, Zomato, Uber eats are prohibited.
- xi) Agriculture and Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries related shops and markets.
- xii) All security services including those provided by private agencies.

D. Factories, Workshops and Industries

- i) Medical supplies / equipment, Pharmaceuticals and Biotech units.
- ii) Food related / food processing industries, including flour mills
- iii) Those units which are of a continuous nature where immediate shutting down would disrupt the on-going process for a long time or not possible Chemical factories.
- iv) All industries permitted to operate shall work at 50% of their strength on rotation basis.
- v) Export units and SEZs at 50% of their strength on rotation basis.
- vi) Manufacturing units engaged in production of essential commodities, agriculture commodities & agriculture inputs, food items and wholesalers, retailers of such items.
- vii) Transport arrangements made by the IT, ITES, industries and establishments to transport their employees from home and drop.

E. Transport

- i) Ambulances
- ii) Vehicles / Cabs owned or contracted by the companies under exempted categories for transportation of staff to work place and back.
- iii) All Goods Carriers (trucks, tempos, container trailers etc.)
- iv) Taxis to and fro from airport, hospitals to home
- v) Hearse/funeral services vehicles
- vi) Government vehicles engaged in essential services/duties

F. Public Utilities and Media Services

- i) Electricity- Generation, Transmission and distribution,
- ii) Water supply Sewerage and Municipal Services
- iii) Print and Electronic Media
- iv) Postal, Telecom and Internet Service Provider (ISPs)
- v) Ports and Airports
- vi) All essential construction activities subject to diseases prevention measures as per protocol and continuous monitoring and health status of workers.
- vii) Manufacture, transport and delivery of drinking water cans, bottles and packaged water.
- viii) Godowns and warehouses

G. Health and Medical Services

- i) All pregnant women who are expected to deliver in the ensuing months shall be listed, monitored and assisted by field personnel of health department to ensure institutional deliveries.
- ii) All elective surgeries may be rescheduled in private and Government hospitals as may be required after setting aside necessary beds for treatment of COVID-19 patients.

H. Revenue Administration, Local Bodies, Police and General Points

- i) All Private establishments that support the above services or are linked to the efforts for containment of COVID-19 will remain open.
- ii) Services to Working women hostels, services to old age persons and old age homes, differently abled persons and orphanages is exempted.
- iii) All exempted units shall ensure the necessary precautionary measure, hygiene and safety of the employees, including maintaining 3 feet of social distancing, frequent hand-washing of employees, disinfection of premises and transport vehicles.
- iv) Shops that are under the exempted categories shall ensure that at any given time are not crowded and customers inside also maintain social distancing of 3 feet between each other. The premises shall be cleaned and disinfected three times daily. They shall also ensure that sanitizers are provided at the entrance for all customers.
- v) Resident Welfare Associations shall take necessary measures for social distancing and for maintaining essential services. If any violation is found, same shall be informed to Local Bodies / Local Health Authority by President/ Secretary of RWAs.
- vi) All items/services mentioned in these notifications includes their production, manufacturing, transport, storage, wholesale, retail etc., and are included as essential items/services. In respect of the drivers and work force involved in loading/unloading the manufacturer shall provide necessary preventive measures.
- vii) If there is any doubt as to whether a service is essential or not, the Collector and District Magistrate shall be the competent authority to decide. In case of Chennai, Commissioner of Chennai Corporation will be competent authority. In case, any order issued earlier which is in contradiction to this order then these orders shall prevail.

- viii) In respect of other private establishments that support the above services, any doubt as to whether an establishment is covered under this clause shall be decided by the District Collector concerned. In case of Chennai, Commissioner of Chennai Corporation will be competent authority.
- ix) Police shall render necessary assistance as and when requisitioned by the afore mentioned officers.
- x) All employers will make payments of wages/salaries to workers/employees including those working on contractual and outsourcing basis during this period.
- xi) District Collectors will take all steps to ensure that there is no disruption in the provision of essential commodities and services as mentioned in this order.
- xii) All Government departments, institution, organisations, agencies etc. should ensure that in the course of departmental work that people do not congregate in large numbers.
- xiii) All District Collectors, District Superintendent of Police, Commissioners of Police, Municipal Commissioners of Corporations and competent authorities of all departments organisations and establishments shall take all necessary steps for the enforcement and implementation of the above said regulations.
- xiv) Any person found violating the above measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 and other relevant sections of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860). Such a person shall in addition be dealt with under the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, The Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- xv) **The restrictions imposed earlier shall continue to be in force.** Anganwadis, schools, colleges, Government welfare hostels, malls, theatres, large centrally air-conditioned shops, amusement parks, swimming pools, Gymnasium, zoos, museums, libraries, tourist resorts, tourist places, beaches, local shandies will continue to remain closed during this period.

- xvi) All religious places are closed for public darshan / worship. However, daily rituals may be conducted.
- xvii) The examination scheduled on 24.3.2020 for +2 students will be conducted as scheduled. However, +1 exams scheduled on 26.3.2020 stand postponed. All other exams related to colleges, schools and Government recruitments stand postponed.
- xviii) Marriages already fixed on or before 16.3.2020 in marriage halls alone can be conducted subject to a maximum number of 30 guests. The marriage halls are instructed to return the advance paid by the public for all cancelled bookings.
- xix) In case of any doubt, the State Government will issue necessary directions / clarifications.
- xx) No suit or legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under this order.

Guidelines on disinfection procedure for preventing the spread of COVID-19 is enclosed in Annexure.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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Annexure

Guidelines on Disinfection Procedure for Prevention of COVID-19 in Public Places

Corona Virus spreads from person to person directly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. People also become infected by touching surfaces contaminated with corona virus by droplets generated while coughing or sneezing and then touching their mouth or nose or eyes.

Respiratory Hygiene, Hand Hygiene and cleaning and disinfection of surfaces frequently touched by hands are essential strategies for the prevention and transmission of COVID-19.

Disinfection of floors and surfaces frequently touched by hands such as seats, hand rails, straps in trains and buses, door handles, lifts, hand rails, chairs, tables, ticket counters, in the shopping malls, hotels, cinema theatres, marriage halls, seats in trains and buses will certainly help in interruption of transmission to a larger extent.

a. Disinfections for surfaces frequently touched by hands

- Disinfection of seats, chairs, door handles, ticket counters and hand railings in cinema theatres should be cleaned with Lysol spray after every show.
- In buses and trains, the door handles, straps, hand rails and seats should be cleaned with Lysol periodically after every trip.
- In hotels, lodging houses and marriage halls, Lysol should be sprayed on the surfaces frequently touched by hands should be done periodically, as many times as possible.

Lysol spray for disinfection

Lysol IP (50% Cresol and 50% Liquid Soap)

- Bus Stands, railway stations, buses, trains, vehicles, malls, cinema theatres, marriage halls, etc.,
 - 2.5% Lysol (1 litre of Lysol in 19 litres of water)
- Hospitals, clinics and ambulances
 - 5% Lysol (1 litre of Lysol in 9 litres of water)As per the concentration of Lysol in the market, required concentrations can be prepared.

b. Disinfections for floors / ambulances

01% Hypochlorite solution should be used for cleaning the floors.

Sprayers

Different kinds of sprayers including power sprayers and water wash pumps can be used for spraying, and cleaning can be done by wet mopping.

Technical Guidance and support

Deputy Directors of Health Services / City Health Officers of the concerned districts may be contacted for technical guidance and support.

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