



**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR-CUM-CHAIRMAN  
DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, BHADRAK**

**No. 2678 /Emg**

**Date: 31 / 03 /2021**

**ORDER**

**Whereas**, resurgence of SARS CoV-2 has been noticed in many parts of India and some areas of the State;

**And whereas**, COVID appropriate behavior and protocols are required to be observed scrupulously in order to prevent the transmission of the infection

**And whereas**, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (GoI) has issued guidelines vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 23rd March,2021 for effective control of COVID-19 to be effective from April 1st,2021;

**And whereas**, Chief Secretary, Odisha in exercise of powers conferred under section 24(1) of DM Act-2005 r/w Rule 8(1) of Odisha Disaster Management Rules,2010 vide Order No.1663/ R & DM (DM) dt.31.03.2021 has issued guidelines regarding opening of more activities in non-containment areas for the period from 01.04.2021 to 30.04.2021.

**Now therefore**, in pursuance of above mentioned orders, we being the Empowered Officer as per Disaster Management Act, 2005, do hereby order that the following guidelines shall be in force in the territory of Bhadrak Revenue District to curb further spread of COVID-19 as well as containment in the interest of health of general public,

**1. Surveillance and Containment**

- i. Containment measures, as prescribed by MoHFW, Government of India/ H&FW Department, Government of Odisha, shall be scrupulously followed in the containment zones.
- ii. Awareness shall be created in communities on COVID-19 appropriate behavior.

**2. Testing, Tracking and Treatment**

- i. Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol. The proportion of RT-PCR tests in the total mix should be scaled up to the extent possible

II. Containment measures, as prescribed by MoHFW/ H&FW Department of Government of Odisha, shall be scrupulously followed in the demarcated Containment Zones.

- Only essential activities shall be allowed.
  - There shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services.
  - There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance by surveillance teams.
  - Listing of contacts shall be carried out in respect of all persons found positive, along with their tracking, identification, quarantine and follow up of contacts for 14 days (80% of contacts to be traced in 72 hours).
  - Surveillance for ILI / SARI cases shall be carried out in health facilities or outreach mobile units or through fever clinics in buffer zones.
- III. Quick isolation of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities/ home (subject to fulfilling the home isolation guidelines).
- IV. Clinical interventions and clinical Management protocol, as prescribed/ required shall be clearly understood and administered.
- V. Effective infection, prevention and control practices shall be followed in treatment facilities and by health care workers and professionals.
- VI. Awareness shall be created in communities on COVID-19 appropriate behavior.
- Covid Appropriate Behaviour-** Covid appropriate behavior, such as use of face masks, maintaining physical distancing and hand hygiene. Crowd shall be regulated in all busy market places, weekly haats, public transport and other places.

### 3. Regulation of activities in areas outside the Containment Zones

- i. Large gatherings, congregations shall continue to be prohibited. Social/ religious/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural functions and gatherings shall be allowed with a ceiling of 200 persons subject to the following conditions
- a. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed subject to be above ceiling
  - b. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ open space in view, appropriate number of persons will be allowed, within the ceiling prescribed above, so as to ensure maintenance of prescribed physical distancing norms.
  - c. Wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.

d. Permission for such functions/ gatherings shall take prior approval from Sub-Collector with NOC from the concerned IIC of Police Stations subject to the above ceiling.

iii. In view of celebration of several social, religious and cultural events, such as, Utkal Divas, Good Friday, Ram Navami, Maha Bishuba Sankranti, JhammuJatra etc. in different parts of the District during the month of April, the following guidelines shall be strictly followed in the interest of the general public and for containment of spread of COVID-19;

a. Congregation for celebration of the above festivals and associated religious and cultural congregations shall not be allowed in public throughout the State.

b. Religious rituals in churches/ temples/ places of worship including in places where such rituals are performed traditionally will continue as usual with limited number of persons as permitted by the District Collector/ Municipal Commissioner or any officer duly authorized by him/her with strict adherence to Covid protocols.

c. Large congregation for celebration of 'Utkal Divas' and associated cultural programmes shall not be allowed throughout the State.

d. The official meeting/ celebration of Utkal Divas shall be made with a maximum of 200 participants. COVID- 19 safety protocols like social distancing, use of masks, use of soap &water/ sanitizer shall be strictly adhered to. Other activities during the day shall be avoided. Other organizations & private institutions shall observe 'Utkal Divas' and related activities with from Sub-Collector with NOC from the concerned IIC of Police Stations subject to the above ceiling.

e. Business to Business (B2B) and Business to Consumers (B2C) exhibitions shall be allowed in exhibition halls with participants/ visitors up to 50% of the hall capacity complying with the COVID-19 safety protocols.

Notwithstanding closure of Academic/ Technical/ Skill Development Institutions, the followings will be permitted:

a. Conduct of examinations (including academic, competitive and entrance tests), evaluation and other administrative activities.

b. Online/ distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.

c. The concerned department may permit teaching and non-teaching staff to be called to the School/ College/ Institution for online teaching/ tele-counseling and related work, in areas outside the Containment Zones only as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued by the Ministry of Education/ Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Gol.

d. All training activities including skill and professional development.

e. Anganwadi Centres shall function with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021.

f. Religious places shall be open for public with observance of COVID-19

safety protocol.-

g. Cinema Halls/ Theatres shall be allowed to open and operate with 50% of hall *capacity*. Entertainment Parks shall operate within the ceiling on gathering in open space/ public spaces. All such activities shall be conducted as per SOP issued by the Government in that regard

h. Open Air Theaters/ Jatras/ Operas shall be allowed subject to compliance of COVID-19 safety protocols such as mandatory wearing of face masks, physical distancing, provision of thermal scanning, etc. keeping the size of the ground/ space in view of appropriate number of persons (subject to a ceiling of 2000 persons) will be allowed ensuring maintenance of prescribed physical distancing norm i.e. maintaining a distance of 6 feet from each other and the seating arrangement shall be made accordingly. Persons with Influenza like infection (ILI) severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) / COVID-19 like symptoms shall not be allowed. As far as possible, facility for online booking of tickets may be arranged by the Organizers and sufficient number of counters shall be opened to prevent crowding during physical booking of tickets. Facility of advance booking online as well as through counters may also be organized. The Organizer shall be responsible for due compliance of these norms/ conditions.

i. Opening and use of swimming pools shall be allowed

#### **4. General Directives for COVID-19 management**

The following General Directives for COVID-19 Management shall be strictly followed throughout the District

- a. Face coverings/ masks: Wearing of face cover/ mask properly is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and in public transport
- b. Physical distancing: Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places.
- c. Shops and Commercial Establishments will ensure physical distancing and use of face cover/ mask by employees and customers. The onus of compliance to the guideline lies with the owner of the shop/ commercial establishment, who shall be liable for any violation which may lead to penal action including closure/ sealing of the premises.
- d. Salons, Spas, Beauty Parlors and Barber shops shall ensure all safety precautions, disinfection and sanitization before and after service of each customer. The onus of compliance to the guideline lies with the owner, who shall be liable for any violation, which may lead to penal action including closure/ sealing of the premises.
- e. Spitting in public place will be punishable with fine, as prescribed in accordance with laws, rules or regulations.
- f. Consumption of liquor in public place is prohibited except permission granted by competent authority

g. Consumption of paan, gutka, tobacco, and similar products in public place is prohibited.

**5. Movement of persons and goods**

There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons, private vehicles and goods including those for cross land-border trade under Treaties with neighboring countries. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements.

**6. Permitted activities to be performed following prescribed SOPs**

Activities allowed/ to be allowed under these Guidelines shall be performed in accordance with appropriate Guidelines/ SOPs issued by the Central/ State Government from time to time. Web-link/ URL of some of these SOPs issued by the Government of India.

**7. Safety and Protection of vulnerable persons**

The following categories of people are advised against outdoor movement, except for essential and health purposes.

- a. Persons above 65 years of age
- b. persons with co-morbidities
- c. pregnant women
- d. children below the age of 10 years

**8. Penal provisions**

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Regulations issued there under besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC and other legal provisions as applicable.

  
COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,  
BHADRAK

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1. Superintend of Police, Bhadrak
2. PD,DRDA & PD,DUDA, Bhadrak
3. Sub-Collector and SDM, Bhadrak
4. All Tahasildars/ All BDOs
5. All Executive Officers of ULBs
6. DIO, NIC/ DIPRO, Bhadrak

for information and necessary action.

7. SRC & ACS (DM) for kind information.