



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

No. 10264/Emg

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**ORDER**

Whereas, SARS CoV-2 infection continues to be active in different areas in the State and in some parts of the Country;

Whereas, as per report of MoHFW, GOI, although, the overall COVID-19 cases in the country are continuously declining across the States/UTs, the analysis of data during November, 2021 shows that 16 districts of three States have reported positivity rate more than 10% and 18 districts of ten States have reported positivity rate between 5% to 10%. Thus, COVID-19 is still a public health challenge and a matter of concern.

Whereas, Globally, also, the surge in cases, being reported across various countries, especially in South Africa, Europe, China, Singapore, Russia, etc., is a matter of concern.

And whereas, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide D.O. No. 40-3/2020- DM(A) dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2021 has also prescribed the following directives;

***COVID-19 positive cases and hospital/ ICU bed occupancy in every district should be closely monitored. Precaution and vigil need to be maintained in view of the ongoing festival season and the present trend of COVID virus. Constant focus needs to be maintained for enforcement of the directions for wearing masks, especially in large gatherings, in order to avoid any surge in COVID-19 cases in the State***

***There should be a continued emphasis on the five-fold strategy, i.e, Test-Track-Treat-Vaccination and adherence to the COVID Appropriate Behavior, to safely navigate through festive season and to avoid the possibility of any surge in COVID-19 cases.***

***The District Administrations should re-energise the field functionaries to handle the challenges ahead in COVID containment measures.***

And whereas, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (GoI) vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 28th September, 2021, Order No.40-3/2020-DM- (A) dated 28th October, 2021 and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide D.O. No. Z-28015/85/2021-DM Cell dated 21st September, 2021 & DO No.Z.26015/30/2021-DM Cell dated 23rd October, 2021 have issued guidelines for effective control of COVID-19;

And whereas, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide D.O. No.Z-28015/85/2020-DM Cell dated 21st September, 2021 has also prescribed the following directives;

*" This is a critical period as there may be a tendency to ignore COVID-19 safe behavior during festivals, resulting in large gatherings, events, fairs etc. **It is critical to enforce adherence to guidelines to allow festivities in a cautious, safe and COVID appropriate manner.** Any laxity in implementation of Covid Appropriate Behavior could lead to serious consequences and can result in a surge in cases."*

And whereas, the Government of Odisha vide Revenue & Disaster Management (Disaster Management) Department order No. 4921/R&DM(DM) dated 31st August, 2021, Order No.5659/R&DM(DM) dated 30th September, 2021 and Order No.6077/R &DM(DM) dated 31st October, 2021 had imposed stipulations/ instructions for graded unlocking from 5:00 AM of 1st November, 2021 to 5:00 AM of 1st December, 2021 for effective control of COVID-19;

Now, therefore in pursuance of order No.6773 R&DM(DM) dtd. 30.11.2021 of Chief Secretary, Odisha, with a view to protecting the health of the public and preventing spread of Covid-19 along with normalising the economic activities, stipulations/ instructions for graded unlocking as notified under order No. 4921/R&DM(DM) dated 31st August, 2021 stand extended till **5.00 AM of 1st January, 2022 with the following additional stipulations/ restrictions:**

- **Unlocking:** There shall be graded unlocking throughout the District with effect from 5.00 AM of 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 till 5.00 AM of 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022.
- **Night curfew:** Night curfew shall be imposed in all urban areas of the District from 10.00 PM to 5.00 AM every day.
- **Weekend Shutdown:** There shall be no weekend shutdown across the District.
- **Opening of shops/ malls:** During unlock period, all types of shops, malls shall remain open across the District from **5.00 AM to 10.00 PM** every day.

*It shall be the responsibility of the Mall Authorities/ shop owner(s)/ Market Associations to ensure that COVID appropriate behaviour are followed strictly by himself/herself, and the customers. The owner shall make arrangement by deploying his/her staff to prevent crowding by customers inside and outside the shop/ mall. Proper social distancing demarcations in and outside shop shall be displayed by the shop owner and COVID appropriate social distancing shall be ensured by him/her. In case of violation, local authorities can take strict action including criminal action under relevant Acts including Disaster Management Act, 2005. **Such violation shall entail sealing of such shops/ malls for a period along with heavy penalty as decided by the Local Authorities.***

- All Social/ Religious/ political gatherings shall remain prohibited.
- Exhibitions/ Trade Fairs/ Expo/ Melas shall remain prohibited.

**Cultural Activities** :Cultural gatherings/ programmes including melodies, orchestra/ jatra/ opera, dances-classical, folk and other permitted dance forms, cultural competitions, open air theatres/ drama/ nukkad natak/ street plays/ other such performances, etc shall be allowed to open with due compliance to covid protocols. The orders of the Government vide its order No 6540/ R&DM (DM) dated 18th November, 2021

- Auditoriums/ assembly halls/ similar facilities shall be allowed to open with due compliance to covid protocols.
- Open Air Theatres/ Jatras /Operas shall be permitted by the local authorities (District Magistrate/SP or any other officer authorized) 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, 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. 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 organizers shall be responsible for due compliance of these norms/ conditions.
- For indoor halls the numbers of viewers/ spectators shall not exceed 50% of the seating capacity of the hall.
- Cinema halls, theatres shall be allowed to open with up to 50% of capacity and operate with due compliance to covid protocols.
- In closed places, the number of persons including the invitees shall not exceed 50% of the hall capacity.

*The person having double dose/final vaccination certificate and Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) (-ve) RT PCR (-ve) Report obtained within 72 hours prior to the function will be allowed to attend the function.*

*The organiser of the function will ensure adherence of COVID-19 safety protocols such as wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing of at least six(6) feet between participants and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.*

*However, Permission for such activities shall be accorded by the respective District Magistrate, Bhadrak/ SP, Bhadrak or other officers authorised by them. Provided that the respective District Collector /SP / may further restrict the number of persons to be allowed in such functions/ gatherings keeping the local situation in mind in the interest of the health of the people and issue specific order in that regard In case of violation of COVID-19 safety protocols Local Authorities can take strict action including criminal action under relevant acts*

*including Disaster Management Act 2005. Such violation shall entail closure of functions along with heavy penalty as decided by the local authorities.*

- Marriages, thread Ceremony/ Bratopanayan, funerals, last rites and related gatherings with approval from local IICs of concerned Police Station shall be allowed with a ceiling of 250 persons (for the entire event) including hosts, guests, priests and catering and other support staff with adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Under no circumstances, the number of participants shall exceed the ceiling for the entire event.
- (ii) In closed spaces, subject to the above ceilings such number of persons shall be allowed as would be feasible to follow Covid protocols.
- (iii) In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/ open space in view, appropriate number of persons will be allowed, subject to the above ceilings, so as to ensure maintenance of prescribed physical distancing norm.
- (iv) Marriage processions shall be allowed with due prior written approval from competent authorities subject to the ceiling 50 participants including bridegroom, priest, friends, relatives, guests, members of band party, light & sound systems etc. The number of persons in marriage procession shall count towards the above said ceiling of 250 persons.
- (v) All other conditions/ stipulations for marriage, funeral and last rites related gatherings shall be followed as per the Government guidelines released vide Revenue and Disaster Management (DM) Department letter No. 2321/ R&DM(DM) dt. 30.04.2021.
- (vi) All other conditions/ stipulations for thread ceremony/ bratopanayana and related rituals shall be followed as per the Government guidelines released vide Revenue and Disaster Management (DM) Department letter No.2666 dated 18.05.2021.

*In case of violation of COVID-19 safety protocols during these activities, Local Authorities can take strict action including criminal action under relevant acts including Disaster Management Act, 2005. Such violation shall entail closure of functions along with heavy penalty as decided by the local authorities.*

- All religious festivals/ festivities/ functions shall be held/ celebrated/ observed as per orders of the Government vide its order No 4534/ R&DM (DM) dated 9th August, 2021.

*Considering local conditions, District Magistrate, Bhadrak/ SP, Bhadrak may impose appropriate restrictions on entry of devotees into churches/ temples/ mosques/ religious places/ places of worship and in the celebrations in churches/ temples/ mosques/ religious places/ places of worship. Collectors/ Municipal Commissioners may decide the number of persons to attend any*

such religious ritual/ festival/Puja in their respective jurisdictions with strict adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour and norms.

The devotees in these places must ensure Covid-19 safety protocols such as wearing of face mask physical distancing and hand washing /hand Sanitizer .In case of violation of COVID-19 safety protocols, local authorities can take strict action including criminal action under relevant acts including Disaster Management Act 2005. Such **violation shall entail fines for devotees as decided by the local authorities.**

- **Omicron virus:** A new variant of SARS-CoV-2 ( B.1.1529; named Omicron) has been classified as Variant of Concern by the WHO. Such variant has been detected in many parts of the Globe Internationally.

Travellers from specified Countries at risk [ **Countries in Europe including the United Kingdom, South Africa, Brazil , Bangladesh , Botswana , China , Mauritius , New Zealand , Zimbabwe , Singapore , Hong Kong & Israel]**

COVID-19 safety protocols are required to be observed scrupulously in order to prevent the transmission of the infection in the District of Odisha. Collector, Bhadrak/ SP, Bhadrak shall remain watchful to International Travelers and re-energize their field functionaries and augment the enforcement efforts on COVID Appropriate Behaviour and Safety protocols by taking innovative measures for prompt and effective management of COVID- 19. Penal provision may be ensured at field level for not adhering to covid appropriate behavior.

- **Zero Night Celebration/ Welcome to New Year/ similar function on the eve of New Year:** Usually people in large number congregate in hotels, restaurants, clubs, parks and other public places on 31st December and 1st January for Zero Night Celebration/ Welcome to New Year/ similar function on the eve of New Year. Such congregations have large potential for spread of COVID-19 infections.

Hence, congregation in public places including hotels, restaurants, clubs, parks, convention halls, kalyan mandaps, etc. for Zero Night Celebration/ Welcome to New Year/ similar other function on 31st December, 2021 and 1st January, 2022 shall remain prohibited throughout the District.

Picnics at public places are prohibited. No community feast in public places shall be allowed on the occasion of Zero Night Celebration/ Welcome to New Year/ similar function on the eve of New Year.

The people are advised to celebrate such functions at home premises avoiding mass gatherings and adhering to the COVID-19 safety protocols such as physical distancing, use of face mask/ covering and hand washing /hand sanitizer. **People are advised to use permitted green crackers during this celebration with utmost safety/ caution and not to use in public places** vide orders of the Government vide its order No 6130/ R&DM (DM) dated 1st November, 2021 & in light of the order dated 29.10.2021 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and as per direction of Hon'ble High Court of Odisha in WP(C) No.33208 of 2021 & in exercise of the powers conferred under section 24(1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 read with rule 8(1) of the Odisha Disaster Management Rules, 2010 .

*All other stipulations/ instructions contained in the order No. 4921/R&DM(DM) dated 31st August, 2021 shall remain unaltered.*

**Explanation:**

Subject to other provisions of this order, activities that are not specifically prohibited/ regulated/ restricted/ permitted with restrictions above are allowed subject to adherence to COVID- 19 safety protocols and SOPs/ guidelines issued by appropriate authorities.

During the night curfew period all activities shall be banned except the following:

- i. All commercial establishments including essential items, food and vegetable shops, excluding all medicine/ pharmaceuticals/ medical devices/optical shops etc. shall remain closed.
- ii. However, home delivery of essential goods, food items, including grocery, vegetables, fish, meat, egg and milk are permitted. Further, home delivery of food by restaurants, hotels and aggregators such as Swiggy, Zomato etc. are allowed.
- iii. No restrictions shall apply to COVID testing and vaccination centres and movement of persons/ vehicles for COVID testing and vaccination shall be allowed.
- iv. All Government & Private offices/ establishments dealing with essential services/ utility providers like power, telecommunication, water supply, Police, Municipal Services, Railways/ Port services and Security etc. shall remain functional.
- v. Movement of private four and two wheeler, auto rickshaws, cab aggregators such as Ola, Uber etc. are allowed for dropping and picking up passengers to and from railway stations and bus stands.

***However, during the night curfew, the District Magistrate, Bhadrak/Superintendent of Police, Bhadrak shall allow/ restrict any such activities as would be necessary in the interest of general health of the public and for prevention of spread of Covid-19.***

**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. Spitting in public place will be punishable with fine, as prescribed in accordance with laws, rules or regulations.
- d. Same as permitted by the Excise Department, consumption of liquor in public place is prohibited.
- e. Consumption of paan, gutka, tobacco, and similar products in public place is prohibited.

## **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

### **Instructions for enforcement of above stipulations:**

- i. District Administration shall strictly enforce the National COVID 19 directives as specified Penalties prescribed shall be levied and collected from all persons and entities violating these directives.
- ii. All industrial and commercial establishments, workplaces, offices etc. shall put in place arrangements for implementation of SOP before starting their functioning.
- iii. Collector, SP, ADM, CDM & PHO, Sub-Collector, Tahasildar, B.D.O, and Executive Officer of Urban Local Bodies are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions for enforcement and implementation of the aforesaid measures. Local police shall render necessary assistance as and when requisitioned by the aforementioned officers.
- iv. Excise enforcement activities shall be permitted.

**Special Powers:** District Magistrates & Collectors/ Police Commissioner of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Police Commissionerate/ Municipal Commissioners shall scrupulously implement these guidelines and shall take all possible measures to enforce the guidelines. They may impose any additional restrictions as may be felt necessary in the interest of containment of the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure COVID appropriate behaviour are followed by all concerned.

### **Penal provisions:**

Any person violating these lockdown measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and COVID-19 Regulations 2020, besides legal action under Sec. 188 of the PC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

This order shall come into effect from **5.00 AM of 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2021**

  
COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,  
BHADRAK

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6. DLC, Bhadrak
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for information and necessary action.