



No. SO(J-I)/HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona

**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
HOME DEPARTMENT**

Karachi, dated the 14nd April, 2020

ORDER

Whereas the Corona Virus spread and increase in COVID-19 cases has been seen worldwide causing devastating consequences and illness and deaths resulting from it. That social distancing measures and such precautionary measures are seen to decrease the COVID-19 cases and resulting deaths. That Government of Sindh issued orders from time to time earlier to avoid unnecessary and avoidable movement of public in order to contain the spread of disease.

That after careful considerations of the situation and the spread of disease and further deliberations in National Coordination Committee the Government and after considering various options is satisfied that such restrictive measures adopted are necessary to continue for some time to contain the spread of disease and break the chain of spread of virus while opening up certain economic activities with the condition that such operations/ activities strictly follow SOPs with a view to ensure that spread is prevented while such operations are allowed.

Now therefore in exercise of powers under section 3(1) of Sindh Epidemic Diseases Act 2014 (The Sindh Act VIII of 2015) and in continuation of order of even number dated 2nd April, 2020 hereby issues following directions, regulations and necessary measures to be observed and adopted by all the concerned businesses, general public etc.

A. Complete Closure/Ban

- (i) **All educational institutions** i.e. schools, colleges, medical colleges, technical and vocational institutes, Universities (both public and private), coaching centres, madaris (already closed till 31st May, 2020).
- (ii) **All public places** where people gather in large numbers and group together on streets/ road sides and any other place without observing social distancing and precautionary measures against virus spread..
- (iii) **Shopping Malls, Cinema Halls, Marriage Halls, Banquet Halls**, Marques, Lawns, clubs, hotels, halls, auditoriums, Farm Houses, Beaches, Electronic Markets, Showrooms, Boutiques, Beauty Parlors, Luxury items Outlets etc.
- (iv) **All Markets/Shops of non-essential items** and any related activity to remain closed/suspended **except** those specifically permitted by this order
- (v) **Restaurants** remain closed for serving guests/customers as well as take home services (**only home delivery** by the restaurant is, however, permitted)
- (vi) **Entertainment areas** where public gathers including but not limited to Farm Houses etc, Beaches like Sea View, Hawke's bay, Sandspit, Paradise Point, Tourist spots, play areas, grounds, public parks etc.
- (vii) **Religious & social congregations, ceremonies, functions, gatherings** of all kind. (Necessary obligations like marriage, funeral/burial may take place with



close family members only with social distancing measures and after informing local administration)

- (viii) **Gathering on Shrines / religious places,**
- (ix) **Jail visitors** and meeting with prisoners.
- (x) **Public transport viz. Intracity, Intercity and Inter-Provincial Public Passenger Transport** (whereas the transport of Goods is permissible with restrictions to follow SOPs on social distancing and precautionary measures)

B. Restriction on timings for coming out of homes from 5:00 pm to 8:00 am

All shops including General / Convenience / Grocery Stores and shops as well as Medical stores situated in Malls and Superstores. **Petrol Pumps in city areas** are to remain closed during this time.

Except those **specifically allowed by an order** and the following:

- Person requiring emergency medical care.
- Law enforcing agencies personnel.
- Doctors and staff (medical and allied) attending hospitals and allied services attached to hospitals.
- Only those Medical stores that are situated within or adjacent to hospitals or health facilities.
- Technical staff attending electricity, gas, water, Sewerage related emergencies / services, cleaning municipal staff when on duty.
- Persons on good transport carrying essential goods / permitted service's related items with one helper / cleaner (no passenger allowed on goods transport)
- Charity organizations with their limited persons for the only purpose of distribution of ration among poor and needy conditional to having approval / permission from Law enforcement and District Administration
- Newspaper sorting & distribution as well as Milk/Dairy related work may commence from 05:00 am.

C. Restrictions on movement of persons by transport

- Move/travel singly with over 3 feet distance between persons.
- Single person on a motorbike (except in case of female family member residing in the same household)
- Maximum two persons in car (one more allowed in case a very sick person necessarily requires an attendant).
- No public road transport allowed.
- Staff/Labor for permissible activities / industry / hospitals and allied services of hospital can travel in Company Vehicle with clearly marked banner/displaying showing Company / Office / Factory name. The management/staff/labor travelling by such vehicle must be seated at a distance from one another (about 1/3 of seating capacity of vehicle) and adopt precautions as per SOPs.
- Carry ID Card / Service Card during movements to show to LEAs.



D. Activities permitted during lockdown

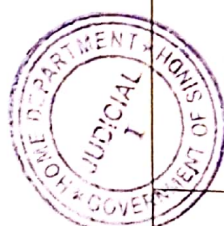
- **Food and related shops / manufacturers / distributors** and all related in chain like wheat & rice, pulses, bardana / bags for rice/ packaging etc. Seeds, fertilizers, pesticide, fish, meat, vegetable / fruit, dairy, poultry, poultry feed etc and related activities in chain & related shops, stores, godowns, manufacturers and transport etc. Bakeries, Tandoors.
- **Agriculture and related** activities including sowing, harvesting etc and related use of Thrashers, Tractors their repairs / maintenance, agricultural implements etc. and all activities related to supply chain including irrigation and related.
- **Health and related** services Hospitals, Laboratories, Pharmacies, Drug Stores, Manufacturing, packaging, transport etc i.e. all within value / supply chain items of personal hygiene like Soaps, Sanitizers & disinfectants etc.
- **Electricity, Gas, Oil, LPG, Power Generation (Solar, Wind, Bagasse etc)** Production Generation, distribution, storage where applicable and related maintenance activities.
- **Essential Municipal Services**, Water Supply (including Water Tankers), Sewerage, Solid Waste)
- **Transport of Goods** within and out of Province.
- **Welfare Organizations** duly registered / permitted for distribution of ration / relief goods in coordination with District Administration and LEAs.
- **Public & private telecom / cellular companies'** technical staff for maintenance with limited admin staff.
- **Call Centers, Customers support centers** with no customers including 24 hours helpline for cellular, telecom, mobile / internet banking and bill payment with minimal staff.
- **Technical Staff** of Cellular companies (for repair / maintenance of towers/cables & related services) with minimal admin staff.
- **Banks** with minimal essential staff. Required to shift to more online servies.
- **Newspaper, Text Books**, Printing, transport & distribution.
- **Port Operations**, PNSC, Custom.
- **Media** persons on duty.
- **Railway freight** services and their essential staff.
- **Petrol, Oil, Lubricants** & related services, oil tankers, LPG, transport, storage etc.
- **Postal / courier** services. **Delivery companies** conditional order with SOPs separately issued.
- **Sindh Government Administration & essential staff** as per SGA&CD notification.
- **PSPC & NSPC** (Pakistan Security Printing Corporation & National Security Printing Company) printing fresh currency notes, etc.
- **FBR/IRS, AG office** essential staff only.
- **Law Enforcement Agencies**
- **Defence Services**
- **SECP** related activities and Pakistan Stock Exchange with stress on online / work from home environment.

Detailed SOPs /directions are issued separately vide order No. SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona/SOPs dated 14th April, 2020 for all the activities as above as well as all the activities permitted hereafter by this order or any subsequent order granting such permission.



E. Activities to start on certain conditions / SOPs as per decisions at NCC

S. No.	Industry / Area of Activity	Current Status on starting operations	Remarks
1.	Construction Industry	Awaited / under consideration	Specific activities recommended relate to 'Grey structure' only. Under consideration for SOPs on site / zones and class of structures to be permitted.
2.	E-Commerce (export) Business Process Outsourcing, Call centers	To be allowed subject to condition of due verification of Export and undertaking to follow SOPs for Covid-19	
3.	Energy related (Gas, LNG, Refineries, Exploration)	Permitted	To operate with SOPs (referred in previous section) related to social distancing and precautionary measures against Covid-19 spread
4.	Export oriented Industries	To be allowed subject to condition of due verification by TDAP their and undertaking to follow SOPs for Covid-19	Due verification from TDAP awaited. An undertaking to respective DCs and copy to Labour/Industries and Home departments is awaited from individual industries received through respective representative bodies that they have all arrangements in place for Covid-19 as per SOPs issued (referred in previous section). Focal Point: Secretary Labour department.
5.	Industries with labour within premises	To be allowed subject to verification of labour colonies / labour within premises as well as their undertaking to follow SOPs for Covid-19	An undertaking to respective DCs and copy to Labour/Industries and Home departments is awaited from individual industries received through respective representative bodies that they have all arrangements in place for Covid-19 as per SOPs issued (referred in previous section). Focal Point: Secretary Labour department.
6.	Industries with low labour component and in rural areas 1)Cement 2)Chemicals 3)Fertilizers	1) Permitted 2) Permitted 3) Permitted	To operate with SOPs (referred in previous section) related to social distancing and precautionary measures against Covid-19 spread. Fertilizer already covered under Agriculture and Chemical (for Food and Medicine) already allowed
7.	Paper and Packaging	Permitted	To operate with SOPs (referred in previous section) related to social distancing and precautionary measures against Covid-19 spread.



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			Partly already working in part related to Food and Pharma/Medicine.
8.	Plumbers/ Carpentars / Electricians	Permitted with conditions that an order / letter may be issued to them by AC concerned after due verification.	Individuals only for on-call work. No opening of Hardware shops/markets. Individuals /concerned getting their services to ensure that such persons working at their premises adhere to SOPs related to Covid-19. Supervision of AC's work on this item by DC / Commissioner
9.	Dry Cleaners / Laundry	Permitted subject to undertaking to DC concerned and verification that SOP arrangements are in place.	To operate with SOPs (referred in previous section) related to social distancing and precautionary measures against Covid-19 spread.
10.	Horticulture/ Botanical	Permitted subject to undertaking to DC concerned and verification that SOP arrangements in place.	To operate with SOPs (referred in previous section) related to social distancing and precautionary measures against Covid-19 spread.
11.	Veterinary Services	Permitted subject to undertaking to DC concerned and verification that SOP arrangements in place.	To operate with SOPs (referred in previous section) related to social distancing and precautionary measures against Covid-19 spread.
11.	Software / Programming	Permitted subject to undertaking to DC concerned and verification that SOP arrangements in place.	To operate with SOPs (referred in previous section) related to social distancing and precautionary measures against Covid-19 spread.
12.	Glass Manufacturing	Permitted subject to undertaking to DC concerned and verification that SOP arrangements in place.	To operate with SOPs (referred in previous section) related to social distancing and precautionary measures against Covid-19 spread.
13.	Bookshop / stationary	Permitted subject to undertaking to DC concerned and verification that SOP arrangements in place.	To operate with SOPs (referred in previous section) related to social distancing and precautionary measures against Covid-19 spread.

It is reiterated that the threat of Covid-19 spread has not subsided and that the opening up is subject to strict adherence to SOPs.

Transport of Goods

- No ban on transportation to other provinces from their godowns / port to such province (Such warehouses, godowns can be opened and loading takes place by informing local Deputy Commissioner Office).
- Transport of imported items from Port.
- Transport of export items that are ready to ship from godown/storage. (New manufacturing is to take place only AFTER due verification of export orders from TDAP and undertaking and placing all arrangements as per SOPs on Covid-19).
- Transport from Karachi Port may leave for distribution during night hours for inter-provincial goods using Northern bypass route.
- Transport of Wheat is subject to regulations by Food Department Government of Sindh

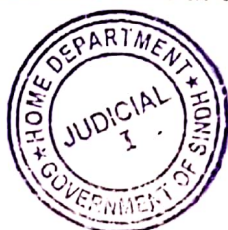
Any person / owner/manager engaged in any permissible activity/ operation found violating any of the instructions contained in this order shall be liable for action in accordance with law as per section 4 of Sindh Epidemic Disease Control Act 2014. Any business unit/ shop/ store/ manufacturing or non-manufacturing unit found/reported violating the above instructions/Standard of Operation Procedures, shall have the permission given to them during Covid-19 emergency suspended immediately and such work places may be closed.


Secretaries of respective departments viz. Industries, Labour, etc. who are entrusted with regulation/control of respective activities/function related to above as well as respective divisional Commissioners are empowered under Section 3(1) of said Act to issue further orders, directions, notices to put this order into effect in letter and spirit and to clarify further for implementation purpose (but not allow what is not permitted or disallow what is permitted). Any such order/direction/notice is to be issued by fully taking onboard the respective Law enforcing agencies / Police to ensure proper implementation mechanism.

A team of officers / inspections of administration, industries and labour department duly authorized by Deputy Commissioners or Secretaries concerned may check the place any time for compliance of directions issued by Government.

Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Labour Officer concerned as well as personnel of Law Enforcement Agencies not below the rank of Inspector Police (or of equivalent rank for other Law Enforcement Agencies are empowered under Section 3(1) of the said Act to take any legal action on any Act in contravention of this order or directions/notices issued there under and including action under Section 188 of Pakistan Penal Code 1860. Further legal action can also be taken under relevant Labour, Industrial and other applicable laws.

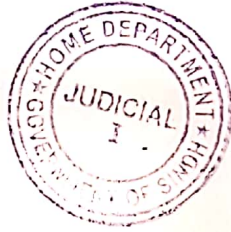
This order shall come into force at once and shall remain in force till 30th April, 2020.




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GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

A copy is forwarded for information & necessary action to :-

1. The Principal Secretary to Governor Sindh, Karachi.
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3. The Director General, Pakistan Rangers, Sindh, Karachi.
4. The Senior Member Board of Revenue, Sindh, Karachi.
5. The Chairman, Anti-Corruption Establishment Sindh, Karachi.
6. The Chairman, Planning & Development Board, Karachi.
7. The Administrative Secretaries of Government of Sindh.
8. The Inspector General of Police Sindh, Karachi.
9. The Commissioner (all) in Sindh.
10. The Additional Inspector General of Police, Karachi/Hyderabad/Sukkur.
11. The Deputy Inspector General of Police (all) in Sindh.
12. The Deputy Commissioner (all) in Sindh.
13. The Senior Superintendent of Police (all) in Sindh.
14. The Director, Press Information Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
15. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary, Sindh, Karachi.
16. The Superintendent, Sindh Government Printing Press, Karachi for publication in the next issue of Government Gazette and provide copies thereof.



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