

## **GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

No. RD 158 TNR 2020

Karnataka Government Secretariat, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, Dated: 21-01-2022

## ORDER

Whereas, the State Government based on the initial signs of resurge of COVID 19 in the State has proactively imposed graded containment measures vide orders of even number dated 03-12-2021, 26-12-2021, 04-01-2022 and 11-01-2022 & its connecting orders in the State and will be in force upto 31-01-2022.

Whereas, the situation of COVID 19 in the State was reviewed again on 21-01-2022. The Technical Advisory Committee has analysed the prevailing COVID 19 situation and case trajectory in the State. It is observed that though there is a steep rise in the number of new COVID 19 cases across the State, the number of severe illness and fatalities are comparatively low when compared to past surges. Further, hospitalization has remained consistently low at 5% when compared to about 16% to 21% hospitalization during the earlier surges and also the recovery time has significantly reduced to 7 days from 14 days in the current surge and the recovery rate is 50% of the fresh case as per the current trend. Further, the State Government has been meticulous in implementing five-fold strategy of test-track-treat-vaccination and adherence to COVID-appropriate behaviour to combat the surge in cases. The State has ramped up the medical infrastructure to provide effective treatment to the infected persons anticipating the peak requirement.

**Now, therefore,** in exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 24 (1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in the capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee, hereby issues modifications to the orders of even number dated 04-01-2022 and 11-01-2022, as below, which will come into force immediately and will remain in force upto 31-01-2022, for strict implementation by Chief Commissioner BBMP, Police Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, and other Heads of Departments and Authorities.

- 1. The Weekend curfew imposed from Friday 10 pm to Monday 5 am in the State is herewith withdrawn. However, Night Curfew will continue to be imposed from 10 pm to 5 am in the entire state as per the existing guidelines on all days. This measure will be further reviewed based on number of cases and hospitalization.
- 2. All other restrictions imposed vide aforementioned orders will continue to remain in force.
- 3. It is reiterated that all rallies, dharnas, congregations, etc, including social, religious, political protests, procession of any sort including but not restricted social, religious, political, etc, are strictly prohibited. However, Marriage functions are permitted to be conducted involving not more than 200 people in open spaces and 100 people in closed places strictly adhering to COVID 19 appropriate behaviour and prevailing guidelines issued by State Government.
- 4. It is reiterated that Pubs/clubs/restaurants/bars/hotels/eating places in hotel etc, will function with 50% of the seating capacity strictly adhering to COVID appropriate behaviour and entry to such places will be restricted to fully vaccinated persons. Cinema halls/multiplexes/theatres/rangamandiras/auditorium and similar places to operate with 50% of its seating capacity strictly adhering to COVID appropriate behaviour and entry to such places will be restricted to fully vaccinated persons.
- 5. The intensive surveillance at the border of Maharashtra, Kerala and Goa states shall continue as per the prevailing circular/guidelines issued by Department of Health and family Welfare, Govt. of Karnataka.
- 6. The Chief Commissioner BBMP and Deputy Commissioners of the Districts based on their assessment of the situation may impose additional containment measures as deemed necessary in their jurisdictions.

## 7. Strict enforcement of the guidelines:

- **a.** Chief Commissioner BBMP/Police Commissioners/Deputy Commissioners/ Superintendents of Police Commissioner, BBMP/Deputy Commissioners shall strictly implement the containment measures and enforce COVID 19 appropriate behaviour issued vide aforementioned orders under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- **b.** Any person, group of people, Society, Association of persons, Organization, Institutions, RWAs, etc, violating containment measures and not complying with COVID 19 appropriate behaviour issued vide aforementioned order under the

Disaster Management Act, 2005, <u>should be</u> proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act-2020 besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

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Chief Secretary and Chairman, State Executive Committee

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