GOVERNMENT OF SINDH HOME DEPARTMENT



ORDER

NO. SOJI/8-1(04)2020(Stage-3 NPls): Whereas, discussions at National Command & Operation Centre (NCOC) session of 29th April, 2021 and later with continued monitoring of the situation on ground, disease spread pattern, implementation status of SOPs and public cooperation on SOPs, it was agreed at NCOC that effective measures to control further spread of COVID-19 requires strict implementation of SOPs wherein the following measures are the cornerstone in prevention and are to be strictly ensured:-

- Wearing of Mask at Public Places
- Frequent hand washing / use of sanitizers
- Avoiding closed / crowded places
- Avoiding gatherings
- Keeping a safe distance from others

Whereas, considering the usual festive activities traditionally undertaken on the eve of Eid-ul-Fitr it is apprehended that such activities related to Eid are very likely to contribute to the spread of disease and accordingly it was decided at NCOC to take further measures to reduce mobility / movement during forthcoming Eid-ul-Fitr and the guidelines "STAY HOME- STAY SAFE" as discussed at NCOC are adopted for the purpose. The same measures were also discussed and decided during Covid-19 Task Force meeting dated 06th May, 2021 chaired by the Chief Minister, Sindh keeping in view the disease spread in the Country in general and the Province of Sindh in particular.

Now therefore, the Government of Sindh in exercise of the powers under Section 3 (1) Of Sindh Epidemic Diseases Act, 2014 (The Sindh Act VIII of 2015) hereby declares that in addition to the restrictions and closures in the order dated 26th April, 2021 the following additional measures shall apply with effect from morning of 09th May, 2021 upto the evening of 16th May, 2021:

- 1. There shall be no unnecessary movement of people and gathering of any kind at any place.
- 2. All tourist spots, picnic places, including beaches (Hawksbay, Sandspit, Sea View etc), recreational parks shall remain closed for the public.
- 3. Ban shall be effective for all kind of Public Transport viz. within city, inter-city and interprovincial

Except:

- Private Vehicles with half seating capacity

- Taxis, Cabs, Rickshaws for essential short distance travels meant for medical care and purchasing of essential items and with 50% occupancy of seats and SOPs
- Transportation of goods is exempted from the ban

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4. All markets, businesses and shops shall remain closed during the period except essential services including the following:

Explanation: Special Eid Bazars / 'Chand-Raat Bazars' mehndi, jewelry / ornaments shops etc shall remain closed during the period being non-essential.

Essential Services A:

Allowed to open irrespective of timings. Related operations & transportation including that of the essential staff is allowed. Strict adherence to SOPs and carrying proper identification by the concerned is mandatory.

- Hospitals / Medical Clinics (Aesthetics /Beauty Clinics are not allowed)
- Stand alone Pharmacies (General stores or shops selling other items and keeping medicine are not allowed / allowed as per essential services B, if applicable)
- Medical Centres, Vaccination Centres
- Utility services offices, staff, (Electricity, Natural gas, telecom)
- Essential Municipal Services (Water supply including authorized tankers, Sewerage)
- Petrol Pumps/LPG/CNG (the shops / restaurants that are attached to such petrol pumps are to follow the limited timings & relevant orders relating to shops / restaurants)
- E-Commerce / Home delivery, Postal and Courier services with proper trained, uniformed, and identity carrying delivery persons duly trained and following SOPs
- Welfare organization like Edhi, Chippa etc duly registered & working in coordination with District Administration / Law Enforcement Agencies for food and relief distribution etc.
- Call Centres, Customer Support Centers for essential services
- Technical Staff of Cellular companies, Internet services providers
- Print, Electronic Media, News paper staff / distribution
- Government essential services, offices and staff and their field operations including, but not limited to, Port operations PNSC, Customs, IRS, Postal, Railways, PTCL, Banks operations etc.
- Continuous operations / Essential Services related / export oriented industry with proper SOPs.

Other than the above there shall be no opening of markets, shops etc. or any unnecessary movement of public from 07:00 pm to 05:00 am.

Essential Services B:

- Allowed to open with restricted / limited time (to open from 05:00 am to 07:00 pm)
- Grocery Stores, Vegetables, Fruits, Fish, Meat, Poultry and similar shops.
- Bakeries and Milk-Shops can open till 09:00 pm for takeaway / Home delivery)
- Restaurants, Café Only Takeaways, drive-through and Home-delivery is allowed
- (Thereafter the sunset Only Home delivery and drive through is allowed) Under no condition the dining facility either indoor or outdoor is allowed.
- Pet Shops, feed shops, Veterinary related services / Hospitals.

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General

The Closed day of Friday of this week i.e. 07th May, 2021 will be open day for markets, businesses and shops from 06:00 am to 06:00 pm in view of Eid before the start of strict lock down starting from Sunday 09th May, 2021. Divisional Commissioners in consultation with Deputy Commissioners and LEAs can restrict any or all activities in a certain hotspot / high positivity area like the notification issued by Commissioner Hyderabad vide No.2790-AC(G)/Commd/2021/3494 dated 29.04.2021 with further restricted timings in hotspot / problem areas which remains valid.

The Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, Labour Officers concerned as well as personnel of Law Enforcement Agencies not below the rank of Inspector Police or equivalent rank of other law Enforcement Agencies are empowered under section 3 (1) of the said acts to take legal action on any Act contravention of this order or directions/notices issued there-under. Further legal action may also be taken under relevant Labour, Industrial and other applicable laws.

Secretaries of respective departments 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 against the spirit of the order with objective of controlling the disease spread). Any such order / direction / notice is to be issued after fully taking onboard the respective Law Enforcing Agencies / Police to ensure proper implementation mechanism.

A team of officers / inspectors of administrative departments duly authorized by Deputy Commissioners or Secretaries concerned may make spot checking at any time for compliance of the directions & SOPs issued by Government.

MUHAMMAD USMAN CHACHAR ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY (HOME)

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- 3. The Principal Secretary to Governor Sindh, Karachi.
- 4. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
- 5. The Chairman, Anti-Corruption establishment, Sindh, Karachi.
- 6. The Director General Rangers Sindh, Karachi.
- 7. The Administrative Secretaries of Government of Sindh (All).
- The Inspector General of Police Sindh, Karachi.
- 9. The Inspector General of Prisons Sindh, Karachi.
- 10. The Commissioners (all) in Sindh.
- 11. The Deputy Commissioners (all) in Sindh.
- 12. The Senior Superintendent of Police, (all) in Sindh.
- 13. The Director, Press Information Department for giving wide publicity in electronic and print media.
- 14. The Deputy Secretary (staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
- The Deputy Director (operations), National Command& Operation Centre (NCOC), Government of Pakistan, Islamabad
- 16. The Superintendent, Sindh Government Printing press, Karachi for Publication in the next issue of Government Gazette and provide copies thereof.

17. The PSO to ACS Home Sindh, Karachi.

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