



**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
HOME DEPARTMENT**

Karachi, dated the 02nd 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 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.

Now therefore in exercise of powers under section 3(1) of Sindh Epidemic Diseases Act 2014 (The Sindh Act VIII of 2015) and in supercession of all previous orders hereby issues following directions, regulations and necessary measures to be observed and adopted by all the concerned businesses, general public etc.

Complete Closure/Ban

- 1) 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).
- 2) 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.
- 3) Entertainment areas where public gathers including but not limited to Farm Houses etc, Beaches like Sea View, Hawke's bay, Sandspit, Paradise Point, etc.
- 4) Religious & social congregations, ceremonies, functions, gatherings of all kind.
- 5) Gathering on Shrines, Public Visitors meeting prisoners.
- 6) Intercity and Inter-Provincial Public Passenger Transport (Goods transport of essential / permissible items to continue).

Restriction on Congregational Prayers

Only 3 to 5 persons designated for mosque (like Pesh Imam, Moazzin, Care-Taker) will offer Namaz by Jammāt including Juma prayer and that the General Public will offer their prayers / Namaz at their respective homes as per directions and guidance from the religious scholars (as per consideration in order No. SO(J-I)/HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona dated 26.03.2020). Except last rites like funeral, burial etc. while adopting social distance and attending by close family members only and after informing local SHO of area.

These restrictions on such religious gathering apply in similar manner to religious places of other religions.



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Partial Ban / Opening of shops etc from 8:00 am To 5:00 pm – all activities / movements

- a) All shops & manufacturing units etc, including General / Convenience / Grocery Stores, eatable food items and related manufacturers, suppliers and others in supply chain. Medical stores situated in Malls and Superstores **except** those Medical Stores situated within or adjacent to Hospitals / Health Facilities.
- b) Fresh milk shops may be open from 05:00 am to 08:00 pm.
- c) Pet shops opening from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 pm by owner/manager & helper for only feeding of pets kept therein (no sale etc allowed)

Note: There shall be complete ban on all public movement & activities from 12:00 pm to 03:30 pm on Friday. Which may resume from 03:30 pm till 06:30 pm (for Friday only)

Ban / Restriction On Movement Of People from 5:00 pm to 8:00 am

Ban Not applicable to

- Person requiring emergency medical care.
- Law enforcing agencies personnel.
- Doctor, medical & related staff providing attending emergency services.
- 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)
- Newspaper sorting & distribution may start from 05:00 am.

Restrictions on movement of persons by transport

- Move/travel singly with over 3 feet distance between persons.
- Maximum two persons in car (one more allowed in case sick person requiring attendant).
- Staff/Labor for permissible activities on travel in Company Vehicle with clearly marked banner/displaying showing Company / Office / Factory name such that staff/labor is seated at a distance from one another (about 1/3 of seating capacity) and adopted precautions.
- Carry ID Card / Service Card during movements to show to LEAs.

Essential Items / Services to operate

No other Industry or service to operate except

- **Food and related** shops / manufacturers / distributors and all related in chain like wheat & rice, pulses, bardana etc. Seeds, fertilizers, pesticide, fish, meat, vegetable / fruit, dairy, poultry, poultry feed and related activities in chain & related shops, stores, godowns, manufacturers and transport etc.
- **Agriculture and related** activities including harvesting etc and related use of Thrashers, Tractors their repairs / maintenance etc.
- **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 & Essential Items** (Food and medicine & emergency services materials supplies).



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- **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 Centres, Customers support centres** 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.
- **Newspaper, Printing, transport & distribution.**
- **Port Operations, PNSC, Custom and IRS** essential staff.
- **Media** persons on duty.
- **Railway freight services** and their essential staff.
- **Petrol pumps & related services, oil tankers, LPG, transport, storage** etc.
- **Postal / courier** services.
- **Sindh Government Administration & essential staff** vide notification of SGA&CD 18.03.2020 (Officers of closed department to remain on call at their respective places of duty for any further duty/assignment).
- **PSPC & NSPC** (Pakistan Security Printing Corporation & National Security Printing Company) printing fresh currency notes, etc.
- **SECP** related activities and Pakistan Stock Exchange with stress on online / work from home environment.

Transport of Goods

- No ban on transport of food or medical related items and permissible 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 (one time permission) that are ready to ship from godown/storage (no factory opening / new production allowed).
- Transport from Karachi Port may leave for distribution during night hours for inter-provincial goods using Northern bypass route.

Directions for owner / employers / manager

- i) Employers of industries and commercial entities concerning essential commodities (food) and medicines and other related activities in supply chain are to ensure that the employees maintain safe distance and adopt pre-cautionary measures at work place.
- ii) Employer / Manager of permissible commercial entity, dealing with customers, are to ensure that adequate space is available inside the store, factory, godown etc. and the customers/staff are maintaining safe distance and adhering to precautions. Floor markings and volunteers may be required to guide the flow of the people in queues.
- iii) Employer shall also ensure that any employee complaining or having symptoms of Corona Virus (COVID-19) shall be tested, isolated and reported as per practice in vogue.
- iv) Owner / Employer / Manager will be held responsible in case of failure to comply with the above orders.



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Special directions on Suspects / Positive Cases of COVID-19.

- 1) All those persons who have been declared positive of Corona Virus shall immediately isolate themselves at Home under intimation to relevant health teams of Health Department or in specified isolation centers established by the Government, and shall remain in isolation till complete recovery.
- 2) All the public / private hospitals / laboratories / health centers, attending Corona Virus patients / conducting Corona Virus laboratory diagnostic test shall send report to Health Department, Government of Sindh twice a day (0100 hrs and 1300 hrs) on Fax No. (021) 99222837 with immediate effect.
- 3) All persons having symptoms of Corona Virus (COVID-19) shall immediately report to the Health Department, Government of Sindh Control Room Contact No. (021) 99204452, (021) 99206565, 0316-0111712 and / or 1166.

Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of the respective Division and Districts in the province are empowered to further issue any orders, directions or notices for clarifying or putting directions of this order into effect **in coordination and consultation with respective DIGs and SSPs and corresponding officer of Pakistan Rangers at Division / District level**, while issuing such directions, notices or orders in the light of Orders issued from Home Department, Government of Sindh, from time to time.

Any person disobeying any direction or order issued under this order or any person facilitating, in any manner, the defiance of this order issued under the Sindh Epidemic Diseases Act shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of the Pakistan Penal Code as provided under Section-4 of the said Act.

Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners as well as personnel of Law Enforcing Agencies above the rank of Inspector or equivalent are empowered under Section 3(1) of the said Act to take any legal action on any contravention of this order or the directions/orders/notices issued there under including action under Section 188 of Pakistan Penal Code.

This order shall come into force at once and shall remain in force till 14th April, 2020.




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GOVERNMENT OF SINDH

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

Karachi, dated the 02nd April, 2020

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

1. The Principal Secretary to Governor Sindh, Karachi.
2. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
3. The Director General, Pakistan Rangers, Sindh, Karachi.
4. The Senior Member Board of Revenue, Sindh, Karachi.

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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.
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