

Government of Punjab
Department of Home Affairs & Justice

To

1. All the Divisional Commissioners and the Deputy Commissioners in the State
2. All the Zonal IGPs, Commissioners of Police, DIGs and SSPs in the State

No.SS/ACSH/2020/313

Dated: Chandigarh, the 18th day of April, 2020.

Sub: Implementation of Consolidated revised guidelines for containment of COVID-19 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide Order dated 15.04.2020 along with the corrigendum issued vide Order dated 16.04.2020, to be implemented w.e.f. 20.04.2020.

Kindly find enclosed herewith consolidated revised guidelines for containment of COVID-19 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 15.04.2020 alongwith the *corrigendum issued vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 16.04.2020* and to be implemented w.e.f. 20.04.2020 for meticulous compliance.

2. While implementing the guidelines and directives contained in these orders, it may be noted and ensured :

(i) As explained in para 2, the activities allowed under these guidelines will not be permitted in the containment zones. As regards the exact definition of containment zone and the activities permitted therein, the district authorities would abide by the instructions of the Health Department issued separately in this regard.

Broadly, the trigger for establishing a containment zone is discovery of 2 or more confirmed cases of Covid-19 in a locality. The zone is to be set-up by district authorities (DC, SSP and CS) based on the number of cases, their geographical distribution and feasibility of sealing the area. The containment zone can accordingly be starting from a locality to a colony, sector(village), single or multiple wards or the entire city itself. It has to be a well defined geographical area wherein only bare minimum essential activities would be permitted. The guidelines dated 15.04.2020 would be applicable only outside the containment zone which may not be confused with hot-spot, red zone etc which are not relevant for the purpose of these guidelines.

(ii) As explained in para 4, these guidelines are to be strictly implemented without any dilution. The District Magistrates can, however, in exercise of the powers vested vide para 4(ii), fix the timings of various establishments, industries and other permitted activities depending upon the local requirements and norms of social distancing.

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- (iii) As per para 12(vii), Dhabas on high-ways are permitted. These are to be permitted for take-away food items only and not for sit-in meals.

Vide this letter No. SS/ACSH/2020/Spl.2 dated 29.3.2020, eateries and bakeries etc. were allowed to open for home delivery. There has been a case in New Delhi where a delivery boy tested positive for Covid-19 exposing large number of people to possible infection. The district authorities may accordingly weigh in the merits and demerits of opening of restaurants and bakeries and if it is found that things can be managed without allowing them to open, these may be shut-down.

- (iv) In view of approaching summer season and the new academic session, distribution of books by book-shops to school and college students and sale of air-conditioners, air-coolers, fans and their repair shops may be treated as essential goods/services and allowed to remain open and operate.

- (v) In para 15, as many as 11 different categories of industrial establishments have been allowed to operate. The conditions mentioned under clause 15(ii) regarding stay and transport of workers be applied also to all categories of the remaining 10 categories of industrial establishments, individually employing 10 or more persons.

- (vi) As per para 16, a number of construction projects have been permitted subject to some conditions. Even though it is not specifically mentioned in the guidelines, it is implied that the related activities in terms of stone crushers, mining of sand and gravel and its transport, sale out-lets of cement, steel etc. are also to be permitted. Their working norms can be regulated.

- (vii) Para 19(ii) has permitted the Government Departments to work with restricted staff. While implementing this decision, the guidelines of the Department of Personnel, Government of Punjab may also be kept in view.

- (viii) As per item No.12 at Annexure-I, large meetings are prohibited. Meetings of 5 or more persons may be treated as large meetings.

Bulk passes may be issued for the industrial and other establishments and other activities which have now been permitted w.e.f. 20.04.2020.

Note: For facilitating easy reference -

- (i) Guidelines dated 15.04.2020 and corrigendum dated 16.04.2020 have been consolidated and placed in a separate document – Uptodate consolidated revised guidelines.

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- (ii) Activities added & permitted and other activities in the latest guidelines dated 15.04.2020 in addition to the activities already permitted vide previous guidelines dated 24.03.2020 and addenda thereto have been shown in green colour.
- (iii) Activities prohibited have been shown in red colour.

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18.04.2020

CC:

- 1. CPS/CM
- 2. CS
- 3. PSCM
- 4. DGP Punjab
- 5. ADGP-Law & Order

Encl.:

- 1. DO letter dated 15.04.2020 of Union Home Secretary
- 2. Order dated 15.04.2020 of MHA, Gol
- 3. Consolidated revised guidelines dated 15.04.2020 of MHA, Gol
- 4. Corrigendum dated 16.04.2020 of MHA, Gol
- 5. Up-to-date [upto 17.04.2020] consolidated revised guidelines.