

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Department of Disaster Management, Relief Rehabilitation & Reconstruction
State Executive Committee
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

Subject: Additional COVID-19 Containment Measures

Government Order No. 31 – JK (DMRRR) of 2021

Dated: 22.05.2021

- 1) Whereas, a detailed review of the current COVID situation in Jammu and Kashmir was conducted by the Hon'ble Lt Governor, Jammu and Kashmir, with the Chief Secretary, J&K; Financial Commissioner, Finance; Financial Commissioner, Health; Principal Secretary, Home; Director General of Police; Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir; ADG/IG Police Jammu/ Kashmir and other UT and district officers, particularly on the following:
 - a. An overall assessment of the situation pertaining to the spread of COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir, and
 - b. The prevailing rising trend in the daily reported cases of COVID-19 infection in J&K.
- 2) Now, therefore, on the basis of the above assessment, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as the Chairperson of the State Executive Committee, hereby orders the following, till further orders:
 - a. The ongoing Corona Curfew in all the 20 districts of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, scheduled to end at 7 a.m. on 17.5.2021 is extended till 7 a.m. on Monday, 31.5.21. This will cover both urban and rural areas. DCs will issue necessary orders under the DM Act as before.
 - b. The curfew will be strict except for essential / emergency services/ movement / work and scheduled marriages up to permissible gathering norms, which shall remain exempted. The permitted essential services will be limited to the barest minimum and not too expansive in order to minimise movement. The District Magistrate may issue area specific passes wherever necessary.



- c. Districts will be allowed limited flexibility in adjusting the timings of mandis/ wholesale markets while following COVID SOPs and not allowing any large crowds or opening for extended hours. Shops/ establishments can be allowed to be opened for stock checking, preferably after 8 p.m.
- d. The ceiling on gatherings permissible for marriages continues at 25 only.
- e. COVID testing should become more targeted and focus on areas with high positivity and on unvaccinated population.
- f. All COVID positive patients will be provided Corona kits.
- g. DCs will open a 5-10 bed Covid Care Centre (CCC) in each Panchayat, with basic facilities as per the checklist issued by the Health Department. These CCCs will be used for COVID positive persons who cannot be home isolated.
- h. Districts will set up local district level triage centres to ensure proper examination of patients and correct referral, reducing unnecessary load on tertiary and referral hospitals.
- i. No patient shall be denied admission to a hospital or treatment facility just because they do not have a COVID positive test result. Separate orders have been passed in this regard vide GO No. 28 – JK (DMRR) of 2021 dated 9.5.21, laying down the Policy for Admission in Hospitals.
- j. DCs will activate all the 20,000 COVID Care Centre (CCC) beds in districts for admitting COVID positive patients with no or mild symptoms and cannot do home isolation. Health Department will work out the feasibility of providing some of these CCC beds with oxygen support.
- k. DCs will utilize all available staff for COVID related work such as mobilization for vaccination, testing, surveillance and Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities, including government staff whose institutions are otherwise closed.
- l. Asha and Anganwadi workers will be trained and empowered to assist in COVID mitigation efforts.
- m. Health Deptt will ensure establishment of Telemedicine arrangements in all districts to enable patients to call and consult doctors.

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- n. The General Administration Department has issued orders to allow only 50% attendance in government offices below the level of Under Secretary, except in the Secretariats and HOD offices where staff has already been split by half. However, all staff needed for COVID related duties will continue to attend to COVID related work assigned to them by DCs.
- o. Payments under MNREGA, pension and other schemes will be expedited to provide relief to people.
- 3) Necessary orders for the same shall be issued by concerned District Disaster Management Authorities.
- 4) All the other instructions and SOPs issued earlier in the Government Order No. 27 – JK (DMRRR) of 2021 dated 02.05.2021, not in contradiction to the above instructions, will continue to remain valid till 31.05.2021 or modified otherwise.
- 5) Any deviation from this order shall attract penal action under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.



(B. V. R. Subrahmanyam)
Chief Secretary

Chairperson, State Executive Committee

No: DMRRR/PS/Secy/552/2020

Dated: 22.05.2021

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5. Director General of Police, J&K
6. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu
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