GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction
State Executive Committee
Civil Secretariat, J&K.
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Sub: Restrictions for COVID containment-regarding.

Government Order No. 67 - JK (DMRRR) of 2021.
Dated: 12.09.2021

1) Whereas, a detailed review of the current COVID situation in Jammu and Kashmir was held by the Chief Secretary, J&K, with the ACS Finance, ACS (Health and Medical Education), Principal Secretary (Home), Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police and other officers of Jammu and Kashmir on 11-09-2021; and

2) Whereas, the above review was conducted to assess overall situation pertaining to the spread of COVID-19 in Jammu and Kashmir, particularly focusing on the following parameters —

a. Total weekly new cases (per million).
b. Total positivity rate.
c. Bed Occupancy.
d. Case fatality rate.
e. Vaccination coverage of targeted population.
f. The extent of compliance to COVID Appropriate Behaviour.

3) Whereas, it was observed that there is a need to continue with the existing COVID containment measures in all districts in view of the uneven trend observed daily COVID cases.

4) Now therefore, the State Executive Committee, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, hereby orders that the guidelines / instructions on COVID containment in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, already notified vide Government Orders 35 and 36 - JK (DMRRR) of 2021 dated 29-05-2021 read with Government Order 66 - JK (DMRRR) of 2021 dated 05-09-2021, shall continue to remain in force till further orders.

5) The State Executive Committee reiterates that the following measures shall continue to remain in force -

i) The maximum number of people permitted to attend any indoor/ outdoor gathering shall be strictly restricted to 25. All District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police shall ensure compliance.

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ii) There shall be no Weekend Curfew in any district.

iii) As regards the educational institutions, following directions shall be adhered to:

a) Classes for 12th standard shall be permitted with limited in-person teaching not exceeding 50% on a given day, for vaccinated students and staff. Consent shall be obtained from the parents of all students who are willing to attend the school. The school premises should be thoroughly sanitized. Proper screening regarding vaccination should be done on the school gate. If students or teachers or other school staff shows symptoms of cough, cold, or fever, they will not be allowed to enter the school. The Head of the school must ensure that the guidelines related to social distancing and Covid protocols are strictly followed.

b) Limited in-person teaching of students of 10th class, not exceeding 50% on any given day, and after ensuring compliance with Covid Appropriate Behaviour by the school authorities, can be permitted by concerned Deputy Commissioners after due screening through 100% Rapid Antigen Test or RT-PCR, subject to consent of parents and students. The schools will strictly follow Covid related protocols.

c) The schools, except for relaxations as provided above for students of 12th and 10th classes, shall continue to remain closed for on-site / in-person teaching.

d) Coaching Centres for Civil Services/Engineering/NEET shall be permitted with limited in–person teaching, for fully vaccinated staff and student, subject to condition that the Head of the centre shall ensure that the guidelines related to social distancing and Covid protocols are adhered to.

e) All other Coaching Centres, except those indicated above, shall continue to remain closed for onsite / in-person teaching.

f) Higher educational institutions shall be permitted to commence limited in-person teaching subject to 100% vaccination of staff and students and specific permission of concerned Deputy Commissioners. Such institutions can organise special vaccination camps in consultation with district administration. The Head of these institutions must ensure that the guidelines related to social distancing and Covid protocols are adhered to.

g) Educational institutions shall be permitted to direct attendance of vaccinated staff for administrative purposes only.

iv) Night Curfew shall continue to remain in force in all districts from 8 pm to 7 am.

v) All Deputy Commissioners shall intensify testing by making optimum use of available RT-PCR and RAT capacities. There shall be no drop in testing levels.

vi) The Deputy Commissioners shall also focus on the positivity rates of the Medical-Blocks under their jurisdictions. Intensified measures related to Covid management and restriction of activities shall be undertaken in

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these Blocks. There shall be renewed focus on Panchayat level mapping of cases and effective micro-containment zones shall be constituted wherever unusual spike of cases is noticed. Effectiveness of micro containment zones shall be decided on the basis of number of cases reported from such zones. The DCs shall keep active track of the positivity rates in blocks and consider implementing stricter control measures in closed clustered spaces like Public/ Private Offices, Community halls, Malls, Bazaars etc., in case weekly positivity rate goes beyond 4 percent in these Blocks.

vii) The three - "T" protocol of testing, tracking and treating, besides vaccination, needs to strengthened in these Blocks. The proportion of RT-PCR tests in the total mix should be scaled up on best effort basis, to 70 % or more, excluding travellers.

viii) The vaccination drive in districts with higher number of cases shall be given special attention and monitored on daily basis by concerned Divisional Commissioners to at least double the vaccination rate. Intensive vaccination drive shall also be taken up in all districts to ensure timely administration of second dose besides maximizing first dose to vulnerable groups. Vaccination of all those connected with functioning of educational institutions or coaching centres shall also be accorded priority.

ix) In view of the high incidence of cases in district Srinagar, special campaign shall be organised to substantially increase vaccination coverage and achieve the target of 100% first dose within earliest possible time.

x) Positive cases so detected because of intensive testing need to be isolated / quarantined at the earliest and their contacts shall also be traced and similarly isolated / quarantined and tested if needed.

xi) Immediate isolation and treatment of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities / hospitals / homes.

xii) The D/o HME, GoJK, shall ensure adequate availability of COVID dedicated health and logistics (including ambulatory) infrastructure, based on their assessment of the case trajectory.

xiii) MD, NHM in consultation with the DCs shall take up Panchayat level mapping and data capturing on the specified portal with respect to all tests for tracking the positivity rates in all Panchayats and other areas in a timely manner.

6) At entry point to UT of J&K at Lakhanpur, mandatory testing for COVID shall be dispensed with for those who have received both dosage of vaccine.

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7) The District Magistrates shall strictly ensure that there is full compliance to COVID appropriate behaviour and defaulters are firmly dealt with under relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act and the Indian Penal Code. The District Magistrates shall constitute joint teams of Police and Executive Magistrates for intensifying enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour. The joint teams shall submit daily report regarding activities carried out by them and their assessment of compliance level. DCs will intensify the campaigns for ensuring COVID appropriate behaviour. Dedicated IEC, including public announcements through mobile vehicles must be undertaken.

8) Enforcement of COVID appropriate behaviour is critical in determining the need for additional restrictions. DMs shall constitute inspection teams of district officers to check whether the instructions contained herein for enforcement of COVID appropriate behaviour are being implemented by the concerned with due responsibility.

9) Entry into Parks shall be permitted to vaccinated persons only with due verification. Surprise checks shall be conducted by inspection teams to assess the implementation and initiate corrective measures.

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Sd/-
Chief Secretary
(Chairperson, State Executive Committee)

No: DMRRR/PS/Secy/551/2020 Dated: 12.09.2021

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