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. 87-JK (DMRRR) of 2021
Dated: 12.12.2021

1. Whereas, a detailed review of the current Covid-19 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), Principal Secretary (PWD-R&B), ADG/IGs, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police and other officers of Jammu and Kashmir on 11.12.2021;

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 in daily Covid cases as well as rising positivity rate.

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) dated 29-05-2021 read with Government Orders 73-JK (DMRRR) dated 22-10-2021 and 82-JK(DMRRR) dated 28-11-2021 and 85-JK (DMRRR) dated 05.12.2021, shall continue to remain in force till further orders.

5. Enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) is critical in determining the need for additional restrictions. The District Magistrates of J&K 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 DMs to intensify the campaigns for ensuring Covid Appropriate Behaviour. Dedicated IEC, including public announcements through mobile vehicles must also be undertaken.

6. The DMs shall constitute inspection teams of district officers to check whether the instructions contained herein for enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) are being implemented by the concerned with due responsibility. Further, the DMs

shall constitute joint teams of Police and Executive Magistrates for intensifying enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour and ensure no violator is let off. The joint teams shall submit daily report regarding activities carried out by them and their assessment of compliance level.

7. The Home Secretary, Government of Jammu & Kashmir shall monitor the enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour closely and shall submit a Report to the Chairperson of the State Executive Committee (Chief Secretary) on daily basis.

8. The Health and Medical Education Department, Jammu and Kashmir shall closely monitor all relevant statistics and Data in respect of Covid-19 for timely interventions wherever required

9. 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. However, in Banquet Halls in Districts with positivity rate below 0.2 and weekly case load below 250, gathering shall be permitted up to 25% of the authorised capacity, preferably in open spaces, for vaccinated persons/ persons with verifiable RT-PCR or RAT not older than 72 hours.

   ii. Cinema halls and theatres, and multiplexes are also allowed to function with 25% capacity subject to condition that management will ensure strict compliance of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB). All District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police shall ensure compliance.

   iii. Swimming Pools are also allowed to function at 25% capacity subject to condition that management will ensure proper Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB)

   iv. There shall be no Weekend Curfew in any district.

   v. Offline Board Examination for 12th and 10th classes shall be permitted to be held in staggered manner keeping in view all the Social Distancing Norms & Covid Appropriate Behaviour. The following directions shall be strictly adhered to by the concerned institutions conducting the offline board examinations:

      a. All the students coming for offline board examination to the venue shall carry consent for each examination duly signed by their parents/legal guardians.

      b. The sanitisation of the examination hall, furniture and toilets should be carried out daily before and after the exams.

      c. The seating arrangement should be made in such a manner that every second desk is left vacant to maintain physical distancing.

d. Vaccinating the teachers, staff and officials involved in conducting the examination with the cooperation of the district administration shall be made mandatory.

e. There should be a thermal scanner, pulse oximeter, first aid boxes and hand sanitisers at the venue of the examination.

f. All the students appearing for examination must mandatorily be wearing masks & arrangement to this affect needs to be ensured by the concerned institution.

g. Separate facility should be provided to the students showing any symptoms like cough, common cold and flu.

h. It shall be the responsibility of Board authorities and Head of the schools to ensure that the Covid protocols are strictly adhered to

vi. As regards the education 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 sanitised. 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. Limited in-person teaching of vaccinated students, not exceeding 50% on any given day, shall be permitted in Polytechnics and ITIs subject to consent of parents and students and all measures as per Covid related protocols.

e. 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.

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

g. 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.

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

vii. Night Curfew shall continue to remain in force in all districts from 9 pm to 6 am but for those districts with positivity rate below 0.2 and weekly case load below 250 where it would be from 11 pm to 6 am.

viii. All Deputy Commissioners shall intensify testing and ensure full utilisation of available RT-PCR and RAT capacities. There shall be no drop in testing levels.

ix. Chief Medical Officers of all districts shall submit a daily report regarding the utilisation of available RT-PCR capacities to the District Magistrates concerned. Besides, District Magistrates shall also go for capacity expansion of the RT-PCR testing as per the requirement

x. 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 these Blocks.

xi. There shall be renewed focus on Panchayat level/Medical Block mapping of cases and effective micro-containment zones shall be constituted wherever number of Covid-19 Positive cases reaches 3 or above.

xii. The DCs shall keep active track of the positivity rates in their respective jurisdictions. Strict perimeter control (Micro-Containment Zone) shall be implemented for localities where Covid-19 Positive Cases number reaches 3 and above. This shall be done to ensure no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services. Following Standard Operating Procedure shall be followed for these defined Micro Containment Zones:

a. The Zone shall be confined to either 50 meters or a Single Building. A buffer zone of 150 meters to be put in place between Micro Containment Zone and rest of locality.

b. The District Magistrates shall create as many Micro Containment Zones as needed and as per situation demand on ground, keeping in view the spike of cases.

c. There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance within the zone by surveillance teams formed for the purpose.

d. Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol.

e. Listing of contacts shall be carried out in respect of all persons found positive, along with their tracking, identification, quarantine and follow up of contacts for 14 days (80 percent of contacts to be

traced in 72 hours).

f. Quick isolation of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities/ home (subject to fulfilling the home isolation guidelines). .

g. Surveillance for ILI(Influenza Like Illness) / SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Illness) cases shall be carried out in health facilities or outreach mobile units or through fever clinics in buffer zones.

xiii. The three - "T" protocol of testing, tracking and treating, besides vaccination, needs to strengthened in all Blocks. The proportion of RT-PCR tests in the total mix should be scaled up on best effort basis.

xiv. All Districts of J&K shall intensify efforts to ensure timely administering of the Second Dose of the Covid-19 vaccination in accordance with the due date for the same.

xv. All Districts to ensure the completion of Overdue Second Dose of Covid Vaccinations within a week. Overdue figures should be brought down to minimal levels in All Districts.

xvi. Positive cases 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

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

xviii. District Magistrates shall take all necessary measures for enforcement of Testing protocols.

xix. All District Magistrates and Health Workers shall take all steps necessary to achieve the Overall objective of reducing Covid-19 incidence level.

xx. The D/o HME, GoJK, shall ensure adequate availability of COVID-19 dedicated health and logistics (including ambulatory) infrastructure, based on their assessment of the case trajectory.

xxi. 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.

8. The following categories of Incoming passengers by Air/Rail/Road to the UT of J&K shall NOT be required to undergo RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen Covid-19 Test on arrival:

   i. If they are carrying a valid and verifiable Final Certificate Report of Covid-19 Vaccination.

   ii. If they are carrying a valid and verifiable RT-PCR Covid19 Negative report taken within 72 hours of arrival time.

9. Inter State movement of passenger transport of SRTC shall be permitted for fully vaccinated person or persons with verifiable RT-PCR not older than 72 hours or based on RAT on-spot with strict compliance with CAB.

10. 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.

11. Through the medium of an effective IEC campaign, the Department of Heath and Medical Education, Jammu and Kashmir and the District Disaster Management Authorities must ensure that the people are sensitised about the Variants of Concern/Variants of Interest (VoC/VoI) of Covid-19 including the newly discovered Variant B.1.1.529 (Omicron)

By Order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

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

No: DMRRR/PS/Secy/551/2020
Dated: 12.12.2021

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