GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

Department of Revenue and Forest, Disaster Management, Relief and Rehabilitation, Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032 No: DMU/2020/CR. 92/DisM-1, Dated: 24th December, 2021

ORDER

Reference:

- a. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897
- b. The Disaster Management Act, 2005
- c. Home Department Circular RLP-1221/Pra.Kra.280/Visha 1 B dated 23rd December, 2021.
- d. Department of Disaster Management, Relief and Rehabilitation Order No DMU/ 2020/ CR 92/DisM-1 dated 27th November, 2021.

Whereas, the Omicron variant of the Corona virus has now emerged as the fastest spreading variant of the same in the past few days across the world. It has become the dominant variant in the USA and in many countries in Europe as well. The State already has recorded a total of 88 Omicron Covid 19 cases over the past few days. The State is also starting to see an upward trend of Covid 19 cases over the past week with more than 1000 positive cases being registered in the State every day, for the first time in last two months;

Whereas, it also has to be noted that more congregations are expected across the State over the next few days in the wake of upcoming Christmas festivities, marriage season, other festivities and New Year celebrations;

Whereas, in the wake of the above facts, it is imperative to impose some further restrictions in addition to restrictions imposed vide reference 'd' i.e. Order No DMU/ 2020/ CR 92/DisM-1 dated 27th November, 2021 mentioned above, in order to curtail the transmission of the Corona virus in the State.

Thus, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned in the capacity of the Chairperson of the State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Management Authority hereby declares that the following additional restrictions are being imposed across the Maharashtra State -

- a. In case of Christmas Festivities, directions in the circular of Home Department, under reference 'c' i.e. Circular RLP-1221/Pra.Kra.280/Visha 1 B dated 23rd December, 2021 shall be observed.
- b. In the case of Marriages, where movement of attendees is generally staggered, the total number of attendees at any moment of time should not exceed 100 for enclosed spaces (like banquet/ marriage halls etc.) and 250 for open to sky spaces, or 25% of the capacity of such spaces, whichever is less.
- c. In case of other Social, Political or Religious functions and gatherings, where presence of attendees is generally continual throughout the function, the total number of attendees should also not exceed 100 for enclosed spaces and 250 for open to sky spaces, or 25% of the capacity of such spaces, whichever is less.
- d. In case of other functions that are not covered in above mentioned categories, total number of attendees for closed spaces should not exceed 50% of the capacity declared by the Licensing/ Permitting Authority wherein seatings are fixed and immovable and 25% of the capacity wherein seatings are not fixed and are movable. For such functions in open to sky spaces should not exceed 25% of the capacity declared by Licensing/ Permitting Authority.
- e. In case of Sports Events/ Competitions, these may be held with number of spectators not exceeding 25% of the seating capacity of the venue.
- f. In case of any other kind of gathering, that does not fall under any of the category listed above, DDMA shall decide the ceiling of number of persons who may attend such gathering, without breaching the ceiling of percentages given by the order under reference 'd' i.e. Order No DMU/ 2020/ CR 92/DisM-1 dated 27th November, 2021.
- g. Without prejudice to comprehensiveness of the directions above, it is clarified that Restaurants, Gymnasiums, Spas, Cinema Halls and Theatres will continue to operate at 50% of the capacity as declared by the Licensing/ Permitting Authorities. These establishments shall necessarily declare prominently their full capacity as per License/ Permission as well as permissible 50% of this capacity.
- h. There shall be a ban on any assembly of people in groups of more than 5 from 9 PM to6 AM throughout the state in all public places.
- i. In case of any activity that is not explicitly covered under these directions, DDMA may decide appropriate restrictions, generally following these principles or on the basis of local situation, as deemed fit. In such situations, DDMA must give adequate Public Notice before making such restrictions applicable.

j. In case of any activity covered in this order, if DDMA is of the opinion that stricter restrictions are warranted due to specific local situation, DDMA may promulgate such stricter restrictions over and above restrictions contained herein. In such situation, DDMA must give adequate Public Notice before making such stricter restrictions applicable.

k. All existing restrictions other than the ones specifically mentioned in this order will continue to be applicable as per the order under reference 'd' i.e. Order No DMU/2020/CR 92/DisM-1 dated 27th November, 2021.

1. This order shall come into effect from 00:00 hours of 25th December 2021.

BY ORDER OF AND IN NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF MAHARASHTRA

(Debashish Chakrabarty)

Chief Secretary

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

Department of Revenue and Forest, Disaster Management, Relief and Rehabilitation, Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032 No: DMU/2020/CR. 92/DisM-1, Dated: 27th November, 2021

ORDER

Reference:

- a. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897
- The Disaster Management Act, 2005

The State Government is currently recording fewer number of COVID 19 positive cases consistently over the past few months. Also, there has been a steady as well as consistent decline in the trend curve of COVID cases in the country and nearby states. All these succusses are due to discipline in adherence by various establishments to various necessary restrictions that have been imposed on various activities as well as discipline in Covid Appropriate Behaviour shown by majority of public at large. Vaccination drive in the state and the country also has seen reasonable uptake and has contributed immensely to reduction in pressure on health infrastructure, public as well as private. In the light of the said fact the State Government is now considering to open up economic, social, entertainment and cultural activities with fewer restrictions, especially for fully vaccinated persons.

Thus in exercise of the powers conferred under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned in the capacity of the Chairperson of the State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Management Authority, in super cession of all earlier orders by the State Government with regard to imposition of restrictions for preventing the transmission of the COVID 19 virus, decrees with immediate effect that all economic, cultural, social, sports and entertainment activities will now be allowed as per the normal timings decided by various local or other competent authorities before the advent of the COVID 19 pandemic, subject to the following conditions:

Adherence to CAB (Covid Appropriate Behaviour): Strict adherence to CAB as laid
down by the State and Central Government from time to time shall be observed by all,
including the service providers, owners of premises, licensees, organizers etc. as well as
all visitors, service takers, customers, guests etc. Detailed guidelines for CAB (Covid
Appropriate Behaviour) as well as fines in case of breach shall be as per CAB Guidelines
and Fines stated hereinafter.

2. Requirement of being Fully Vaccinated:

- a. All persons connected with the organization of any program, event or show, ticketed or non-ticketed, as well as all service providers and participants (like players, actors etc.), visitors, guests, customers shall be fully vaccinated as per the definition of the same given hereinafter.
- b. Any shop, establishment, mall, event, gathering etc. where a member of public has a right to come and get services must be manned by fully vaccinated persons and all visitors, customers for such places shall be fully vaccinated.
- c. All public transport shall be used only by fully vaccinated persons.
- d. The Universal Pass created by the State Government (https://epassmsdma.mahait.org or telegram-MahaGovUniversalPass Bot) shall be a valid proof for status of full vaccination. Or else, Cowin Certificate with a valid ID proof carrying photo may be taken a valid proof for the same. For citizens bellow 18 years, other Government or school issued photo identity and for those who are unable to take the vaccine due to medical reasons, a certificate from a certified medical practitioner may serve as documentary evidence for entry.
- e. Though offices and other establishments where there is no visit by any person of general public as well as private transport does not have this requirement of being open to fully vaccinated persons, they are strongly advised to go for full vaccination.
- Travel into Maharashtra State: All travellers into state from any international
 destination shall be governed by directions of Government of India in this respect. All
 domestic travellers into the state shall either be fully vaccinated as defined hereinafter or
 shall carry a RT-PCR test valid for 72 hours.

4. Restriction on attendance in any program, event etc.:

- a. In case of any program/ event/ activity happening in an enclosed/ closed space like a cinema hall, theatre, marriage hall, convention hall etc, people up to 50 percent of the capacity of the space will be allowed.
- b. In the case of open to sky spaces, for any events or gatherings, people up to 25 percent of space capacity will be allowed. Concerned DDMA shall have authority to decide the capacity in case of such locations of gatherings or events, if not already declared formally (like stadiums).

the above rules exceeds 1 thousand, then the local disaster management authority will have to be informed of the same and the local disaster management authority may send their representative to supervise as observers any such gathering and to ensure that there is strict adherence to the above mentioned rules. The said representative of DDMA shall have authority to order closure of part or full activity if CAB is seen to be violated in large scale endangering spread of Covid 19.

5. Other reasonable restrictions by DDMA: Restrictions and conditions mentioned herein may be augmented, but not diluted, by any DDMA for their respective jurisdiction, if deemed fit at any moment of time, but not without giving 48 hours of information through public notice. Any restrictions that are in force on the date of this order, levied by DDMA shall cease to operate after 48 hours unless re-issued with a public notice for continuation.

6. Definition of being Fully Vaccinated:

A fully vaccinated person will mean-

- Any person who has received both doses of the vaccine and 14 days have lapsed since the administration of the second dose; or
- Any person having a medical condition that does not allow him or her to take the vaccine and has a certificate to that extent from a recognised doctor; or
- A person who is less than 18 years of age.

7. CAB rules and fines:

Definition: CAB can be defined as the everyday common behaviour needed to be followed by individuals and organisations to curb the spread of the COVID 19 virus and thereby breaking the chain of transmission of the same. Aspects of behaviour that's characterised as CAB include those mentioned below and also all such rational aspects that may hinder spread of Covid 19 virus given its methodology of spread indicated herein.

Following are some aspects of basic COVID appropriate behaviour that have to be followed by everyone at all times. All organisations are to ensure that all their employees, visitors to their campuses, customers or anyone engaged in any activity of the organisations, directly or indirectly, follow the same and shall be responsible for enforcing the same on their campus and/ or while transacting the transactions related to business or other activities related to concerned organization. Organisations are also responsible for

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availability of hand sanitisers, soap & water, thermal scanners etc. required for following CAB by all such personnel at all such locations that are under its control or where it is transacting its business or other activities.

- Wear a mask at all times in the right way. Mask should cover nose and mouth at all times. (An handkerchief will not be considered as mask & person using would be liable for fine.)
- 2. Maintain social distancing (6 feet distance) at all times wherever possible.
- 3. Wash hands frequently and thoroughly by soaps or sanitisers.
- Avoid touching nose/ eyes/ mouth without washing your hands with soap or without use of sanitiser.
- 5. Maintain proper respiratory hygiene.
- 6. Regularly clean and disinfect frequently cleaned surfaces.
- When coughing or sneezing, cover the mouth and nose using tissue and throw used tissues in the trash; if one doesn't have tissue, one should cough and sneeze into bent elbow and not one's hand.
- Do not spit in public places.
- 9. Avoid crowds and maintain safe distance (6 feet distance) in public places.
- 10. Greet anyone without physical contact.
- 11. Any other rational behaviour required for avoiding spread of Covid 19 virus.

Penalties:

- Any individual not following CAB expected is these rules shall be fined
 Rs. 500/- for each instance of default.
- If the default by an individual is seen in any premises of organization or establishment that is supposed to impose CAB on their visitors, customers etc., in addition to imposing fine on the individual, these organizations or establishments shall also be fined Rs. 10,000/-. If any organization or establishment is seen to be a regular defaulter in ensuring discipline for CAB in its visitors, customers etc. such organization or establishment shall be closed till the notification of Covid 19 as a disaster remains in force.
- If an organization or establishment fails to follow CAB or SOP itself, it will be liable to be fine of Rs. 50000/- for each instance. Frequent

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defaults shall lead to closure of the organization or establishment till the notification of Covid 19 as a disaster remains in force.

- If a default is found inside any taxi or private transport four- wheeler or inside any bus, along with the individual defaulting CAB being fined Rs. 500/-, driver, helper or conductor who are providing service shall also be fined Rs. 500/-. Owner transport agency in cases of buses shall be fined Rs. 10000/- for each instance of default. Frequent defaults shall lead to withdrawal of license or closure of operations for the owner agency till the notification of Covid 19 as a disaster remains in force.
 - The above mentioned rules regarding COVID appropriate behavior to be followed mandatorily and violation of the same will result in fines and penalties as stated above as well as any other fine or penalty may be levied on the violators by any disaster management authority in accordance with the Disaster Management Act, 2005. The rules/ polices for CAB shall be in accordance with the above and any other issue regarding CAB not specifically mentioned herein shall be in accordance with the current rules/ orders of the State Government that are in force.

BY ORDER OF AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF MAHARASHTRA

(Sitaram Kunte)

Chief Secretary



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मंत्रालय (मुख्य इमारत), दुसरा मजला, मादाम कामा मार्ग, हुतात्मा राजगुरु चौक, मुंबई ४०० ०३२.

क्रमांक- आरएलपी- १२२१/प्र.क.२८०/विशा १ ब

दिनांक- २३ डिसेंबर, २०२१.

परिपत्रक

नाताळ सण (Christmas) २०२१ मार्गदर्शक सूचना

कोरोना विषाणूच्या संक्रमणाच्या पार्श्वभूमीवर गेल्या काही दिवसांमध्ये "ओमिक्रॉन" ही नवीन विषाणू प्रजाती आढळून आल्यामुळे संसर्गाचा नवीन घोका निर्माण झाला आहे. या ओमिक्रॉन विषाणू प्रजातीचे संक्रमण सामान्य नागरिकांमध्ये/रहिवाशांमध्ये फार मोठ्या तीव्रतेने पसरण्याची दाट शक्यता आहे.

या पार्श्वभूमीवर ख्रिश्चन बांघवांनी आरोग्याच्या दृष्टीने खबरदारी म्हणून मोठ्या प्रमाणात एकत्र न येता नाताळचा सण साजरा करणे अपेक्षित आहे. त्या दृष्टीने खालीलप्रमाणे मार्गदर्शक सूचना देण्यात येत आहेत :-

- ख्रिश्चन बांघवांनी या वर्षी देखील नाताळचा सण आरोग्याच्या दृष्टीकोनातून पूर्णत: खबरदारी घेऊन साघ्या पध्दतीने साजरा करावा.
- कोवीड-१९ च्या अनुषंगाने महाराष्ट्र शासन महसूल व वन, आपत्ती व्यवस्थापन, मदत व पुनर्वसन विभागाचे परिपत्रक क्र. DMU/२०२०/CR.९२/DisM-१, दि. २७/११/२०२१ अन्वये दिलेल्या सुधारीत मार्गदर्शक सुचनांचे तंतोतंत पालन करणे अत्यावश्यक आहे.
- ३. नाताळ/ख्रिसमस निमित्ताने चर्चमध्ये उपलब्ध आसनक्षमतेच्या ५०% पर्यंत लोकांना चर्चमध्ये उपस्थित राहण्यास परवानगी असेल. चर्चमध्ये कोणत्याही प्रकारे गर्दी होणार नाही व Social Distancing राखले जाईल तसेच मास्क व सॅनिटायझरचा वापर होईल याकडे विशेष लक्ष देणे आवश्यक आहे. तसेच चर्चमध्ये निजैतूकीकरणाची व्यवस्था करण्यात यावी.
- नाताळच्या दिवशी चर्चमध्ये प्रभू येशूंच्या जीवनावरील देखावे, ख्रिसमस ट्री अगर काही वस्तू ठेवल्या जातात. त्या ठिकाणी Social Distancing व स्वच्छतेचे नियम पाळण्यासाठी योग्य त्या उपाययोजना करण्यात याव्यात.
- चर्चमध्ये प्रभु येशू ख्रिस्त यांचे स्तुतीगीत (Choir) गाण्यासाठी कमीत कमी गायकांचा (Choiristers) समावेश करण्यात यावा. त्यावेळी वेगवेगळ्या माईकचा वापर करुन Social Distancing चे पालन करण्यात यावे.
- ६. चर्चच्या बाहेर/परिसरात दुकाने अगर स्टॉल लावू नयेत.
- सार्वजनिक ठिकाणी अगर रस्त्यावर मोठ्या संख्येने एकत्र येणे अथवा गर्दी करणे टाळावे.
- कोणत्याही प्रकारे गर्दी आकर्षित होईल अशा धार्मिक/सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमाचे अथवा मिरवणूकांचे आयोजन करण्यात येऊ नये.
- ९. फटाक्यांची आतिषबाजी करण्यात येऊ नये. ध्वनी प्रदुषणासंदर्भातील नियमांचे व तरतूर्दींचे काटकोर पालन करण्यात यावे.
- १०. कोविड- १९ व विशेषत्वाने ओमिक्रॉन या विषाणू प्रजातीचा प्रादुर्भाव रोखण्यासाठी शासनाच्या नगरविकास विभाग, मदत व पुनर्वसन, आरोग्य, पर्यावरण, वैद्यकीय शिक्षण विभाग तसेच संबंधित महानगर पालिका, पोलीस, स्थानिक प्रशासन यांनी विहित केलेल्या नियमांचे काटेकोर अनुपालन करणे बंधनकारक राहील.

११. तसेच या परिपत्रकानंतर व प्रत्यक्ष नाताळ उत्सव सुरु होण्याच्या मधल्या कालावधीत काही सूचना नव्याने प्रसिध्द झाल्यास त्यांचे देखील अनुपालन करावे.

सदर शासन परिपत्रक महाराष्ट्र शासनाच्या www.maharashtra.gov.in या संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध करण्यात आले असून त्याचा संकेतांक २०२११२२३१६००५३७८२९ असा आहे. हे परिपत्रक डिजीटल स्वाक्षरीने साक्षांकित करुन काढण्यात येत आहे.

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- १. मा. राज्यपाल यांचे सचिव.
- २. मा. सभापती, महाराष्ट्र विधानपरिषद, महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळ सचिवालय, मुंबई.
- मा. अध्यक्ष, महाराष्ट्र विधानसभा, महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळ सचिवालय, मुंबई.
- ४. मा. विरोधी पक्ष नेता, विधानपरिषद/विधानसभा, महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळ सचिवालय, मुंबई.
- ५. मा. उपसभापती, महाराष्ट्र विधानपरिषद, महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळ सचिवालय, मुंबई.
- ६. मा. उपाध्यक्ष, महाराष्ट्र विधानसभा, महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळ सचिवालय, मुंबई.
- सर्व सन्माननीय विधानसभा, विधानपरिषद व संसद सदस्य, महाराष्ट्र राज्य.
- ८. मा. मुख्यमंत्री महोदयांचे प्रधान सचिव, मंत्रालय, मुंबई.
- ९. मा. उपमुख्यमंत्री महोदयांचे सचिव, मंत्रालय, मुंबई.
- १०. सर्व मा. मंत्री/राज्यमंत्री यांचे खाजगी सचिव, मंत्रालय, मुंबई.
- ११. सर्व मा. महापौर, महानगर पालिका.
- १२. मा. मुख्य सचिव यांचे वरिष्ठ स्वीय सहायक, मंत्रालय, मुंबई.
- १३. सर्व अपर मुख्य सचिव/प्रधान सचिव/सचिव, मंत्रालय, मुंबई.
- १४. पोलीस महासंचालक महाराष्ट्र राज्य, मुंबई.
- १५. प्रधान सचिव, विधानमंडळ सचिवालय, विधानभवन, मुंबई.
- १६. सचिव व महासंचालक माहिती व जनसंपर्क गंना र