ABSTRACT

Disaster Management Act, 2005 – COVID-19 – Infection prevention and control – Lockdown continued upto 31.12.2021 with relaxation – Notification – Issued.

Revenue and Disaster Management [D.M.IV] Department

G.O.(Ms) No.882 **Dated:15.12.2021**
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திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2052.

Read:

1. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India Order No.40-3/2020-DM-1(A), dated 25.03.2020.
2. G.O.(Ms)No.172, Revenue and Disaster Management (D.M-II) Department, dated 25.03.2020 and addendums issued thereon.
3. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India Order No.40-3/2020-DM-1(A), dated 30.11.2021.
4. G.O.(Ms).No.820, Revenue and Disaster Management (DM-IV), Department, dated 01.12.2021
5. Hon'ble Chief Minister's Press Release No.1336, dated:13.12.2021.
6. From the Additional Chief Secretary/ Commissioner of Revenue Administration Lr.No.OC-I/563/2020, dated: 13.12.2021.

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ORDER:

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS on considering the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic scenario and as per the directives of Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, State-wide lockdown/restrictions was enforced throughout the State **with effect from 4.00 A.M. of 10.05.2021 to 15.12.2021**, in order to control the spread of COVID-19.

2. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has conducted review meeting with officers to evaluate the Corona prevention activities, considering the spread of COVID-19 Omicron variant in neighbouring states and the importance for continuing the control measures towards Covid-19 and expedite the vaccination.

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3. Now, based on the Directives issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the proposal of the Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of Revenue Administration is accepted and the Government hereby order to extend the existing restrictions **up to 31.12.2021** under Disaster Management Act, 2005 with following restrictions and relaxations:-

Since the Medical experts have stated that mass public gathering at a place could increase the possibilities of Covid-19 virus spread, the following restrictions are imposed considering Public welfare.

i. Existing restrictions on Public gathering in Social, Cultural and Political Congregation will continue.
ii. The public will not be allowed at beaches on 31.12.2021 and 01.01.2022.

All permitted activities in existence shall continue to be permitted with existing restrictions.

Further, the following activities will be permitted by following standard Operating Procedures.

i. Normal activities in Swimming pools will be permitted.

ii. Auditoriums will be allowed for all permitted activities.

iii. Due to continuous Lockdown, the students have not attended the schools for months together which resulted in huge learning gap considering this, **the direct classes for all high/higher secondary school (6th to 12th standards), all colleges and polytechnic training institutes shall be permitted regularly without rotation basis from 03.01.2022.**

General

i) The following important Standard Operating Procedures shall be strictly adhered to all the shops and places of Public gathering:-

- Shops shall have mandatory hand hygiene (hand sanitizer with dispenser), Thermal screening at the entrance.
- Management shall ensure that the workers and customers wear face masks compulsorily.
- All shops and establishments shall ensure that the doors and windows are kept open for cross ventilation. In order to ensure social distancing norms, more number of persons shall not be allowed at a time inside the shops.

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- Specific markings with sufficient distance may be made at the entrance of the shops to manage the general public standing in the queue.

ii) 'Test- Track- Treat- Vaccination- Covid-19 appropriate behaviour' principle shall be strictly adhered to.

iii) In order to contain the spread of Covid-19, the Containment Zones shall be demarcated upto Micro Level and the containment measures including vaccination to the people in this area shall be initiated by the District Collectors and the Local Bodies as per the Standard Operating Procedures.

iv) Within the demarcated Containment Zones, containment measures shall be scrupulously followed, as under:

- Only essential activities shall be allowed in the Containment Zones. No activity, except medical emergencies and supply of essential goods and services shall be permitted.
- There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance by surveillance teams formed for the purpose.
- In order to control spread of Covid-19 the regulations are monitored and violators will be imposed with fine.

4. Though the spread of Covid-19 is under control in the State, taking in to account the spread of COVID-19 Omicron variant in neighbouring states, the public are requested to be careful and avoid moving to crowded places and to wear face mask and maintain social distance without fail during the upcoming festival season by following preventive measures. The Public are also requested to take vaccine in vaccination camp organized by District Administration, Greater Chennai Corporation, Health Department and Local bodies.

5. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/ District Collectors and Commissioners of Police/ Superintendents of Police concerned shall take all necessary measures for the strict enforcement of National Directives for Covid-19 management viz., **wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing, screening & hygiene, frequent sanitization of entire workplace etc.,** and adherence of the Standard Operating Procedures issued for the permitted activities. The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation/ District Collectors concerned may initiate penal action for imposing fines on persons violating the National Directives.

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6. Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

(By Order of the Governor)

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