



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

GAD - Covid-19- strong possibility of a widespread outbreak of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) lockdown in the entire state of Kerala - regulations under section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and The Disaster Management Act, 2005 - orders issued

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SECRET SECTION) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.49/2020/GAD

Dated,Thiruvananthapuram: 23.03.2020

ORDER

Whereas the State Government of Kerala is satisfied that there is a strong possibility of a widespread outbreak of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in the State of Kerala:

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on the State under section 2 of The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, read with all other enabling provisions of The Disaster Management Act, 2005, hereby notify lockdown in the entire state of Kerala with immediate effect till 31.03.2020 at 24:00 hrs prescribing the following regulations and measures during the said period.

1. All passenger transport services including inter-state, inter-district and intra-district operations of road transport corporations and private operators shall be stopped.
2. Use of taxis and auto rickshaws including Uber, Ola etc will be permitted only for procurement of essential commodities, medicines and for attending to medical emergencies.
3. Plying of private vehicles shall be allowed only to the extent of procuring essential commodities, medicines and for other activities permitted under this order.
4. Not more than one adult person will be permitted in private vehicle excluding the person driving the vehicle.
5. Every person who is required to observe home quarantine shall strictly observe the same, failing which he/she will be liable for penal action and shifted to government quarantine.
6. Any congregation of more than 5 persons in public places are prohibited including ones relating to festivals, religious and social gatherings.
7. All commercial establishments, offices, factories, workshops, godowns etc. shall close their operations except those exempted in clause 8 of this order.

8. The following shops/establishments providing essential goods and services shall be excluded from the above restrictions:
 - a. Banks/ATMs
 - b. Print and electronic media
 - c. Telecom, postal and internet services
 - d. Supply chain and transport of essential commodities
 - e. Delivery of essential goods including food and beverages, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment as takeaway/home delivery.
 - f. Shops/bakeries including departmental stores and super markets, selling food items, groceries, milk, bread, fruits, vegetables, eggs, meat, fish, poultry and cattle feed etc will be allowed to be open between 11:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs every day.
 - g. Petrol pumps, LPG gas, oil agencies, their godowns and related transport operations.
 - h. Bus stations, railway stations, airports and ports will be open for cargo movement only.
 - i. Security services including private security services.
 - j. Drinking water production, supply and distribution in bulk and containers.
 - k. Private establishments involved in the production and supply of equipment required to contain COVID-19 including masks, sanitizers, drugs, personal protective equipments (PPE) etc.
 - l. Fab labs and super fab labs and units in technology innovation zone and start up missions.
 - m. All services notified in the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.
 - n. SEBI regulated stock market entities.

9. The following Departments/Offices of the State Government shall be functional with required staff as decided by the Secretary/HoD.
 - a. Secretariat/Directorates
 - b. District Collectorate/ Sub-Divisional Offices
 - c. Police/Defence/ Paramilitary forces etc.
 - d. Health
 - e. Fire Services
 - f. Urban Local Bodies/ Panchayat Institutions/ Municipal Corporations
 - g. Electricity and Water supply
 - h. Civil Supplies

10. All foreign returnees who entered Kerala on or after 10.03.2020 shall mandatorily contact the District Administration/District Police and register themselves, failing which they shall be liable for legal action.

11. Strict quarantine shall be observed by all foreign returnees and their contacts/ other persons at risk, for such period as decided by the Health Department.

Collectors & District Magistrates and the District Police Chiefs are hereby empowered under section 2 of The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 to enforce this order and to invoke and enforce provisions of section 144 Cr.P.C strictly in their areas of jurisdiction.

Separate orders will be issued regarding the opening of other offices in government at district and state levels.

District Collectors are authorised to exempt vehicles plying for emergency services especially relating to COVID-19 prevention.

Any person who disobeys any part of this order shall be deemed to have committed an offence under sections 188, 269, 270, 271 of Indian Penal Code.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**TOM JOSE
CHIEF SECRETARY**

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State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram
Principal Secretary, Revenue Department
Principal Secretary, Health Department
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All District Collectors
All District Police Chiefs
All Heads of Departments
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