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ORDER

No. ASDMA.28/2021/334

Dated 25th December, 2021

Whereas, the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) has issued vide order of October 27, 2021 directives for containment of COVID-19 for both rural and urban areas across the state until further orders;

Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) vide order dated 30th November, 2021 has directed the States/ UTs to consider implementation of prompt and effective containment measures for COVID-19 management as conveyed vide MoHFW advisory dated 21st September, 2021 until 31st December, 2021 and also directed to ensure strict compliance to the MoHFW advisory dated 27th November, 2021 on the highly mutant SARS-CoV-2 variant (B.1.1.529; named Omicron) (**Annexure-I**);

Whereas, the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam has issued vide order of December 05, 2021 detailed guidelines for international travellers coming to Assam to contain the spread of the highly mutant SARS-CoV-2 variant (**Annexure-II**);

Whereas, the status of COVID-19 in the State has again been reviewed and it has been observed that though the overall number of COVID-19 patients & positivity rate has declined considerably and the overall situation has improved, strict vigil needs to be continued so that adequate standards of COVID Appropriate Behavior continues to be followed with the emergence of the new variant of concern, B.1.1.529; named Omicron.;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 22(2) (h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Management Authority, Assam, do hereby issues the following guidelines, which are to be strictly adhered across the State for public safety and possible outbreak of COVID with variant forms of the virus which will come into force with effect from **6 AM of 26th December, 2021** and will remain in force until further orders:

A. Containment Zones:

In case the test positivity of COVID-19 in any area reaches **more than 10 cases in the last seven days**, the jurisdictional District Magistrate will notify such areas as total containment zones in consultation with MD, NHM and ensure necessary containment measures for COVID-19.

However, in such zones, emergency services will continue round the clock and essential services including shops dealing with groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, animal fodder, etc. will remain open upto usual time of closure.



Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through e-commerce in such areas will continue round the clock.

B. Restrictions imposed:

Except for exemptions given in Annexure - III,

Sl No	Restrictions imposed for all districts	Restriction time for all districts
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	Curfew Time	11.30 PM – 6 AM (except on 31 st December,2021)
2	Opening of workplace and business/ commercial establishments	Not beyond 10.30 PM
3	Functioning of Government and Private Offices/ Establishments.	As per usual working hours but not beyond 10.30 PM
4	Opening of shops and commercial establishments	Upto 10.30 PM
5	Shops dealing with groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, animal fodder	Upto 10.30 PM
6	Dine in restaurants, dhabas and other eateries (Upto 50% of seating capacity)	Upto 10.30 PM
7	Takeaway of food items from restaurants, dhabas and other eateries	Upto 10.30 PM
8	Opening of Sale counters, showrooms etc. of cold storages and warehouses	Upto 10.30 PM

C. Other restrictions and relaxations:

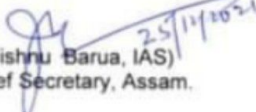
1. All Government servants (including contractual and fixed pay) who have taken at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine shall attend office. However, all other employees except those in whose case vaccination is contra-indicated as per guidelines issued by the Health Department of Government of Assam and /or such claim is certified by a registered medical practitioner will have to get themselves vaccinated and attend office.
2. Employees engaged in emergency / essential services shall attend their duty without any restrictions at any place.

market complexes, weekly markets, restaurants, ISBTs, railway platforms / stations, cinemas / theatres / multiplexes, auditoriums / assembly halls, banquet halls / marriage halls, schools, colleges, educational / coaching institutes, religious places etc. for containment of COVID-19 virus.

2. All District Magistrates, Superintendent of Police should ensure that the people who visit the above mentioned places strictly follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour and are wearing masks, maintaining social distancing etc. without fail. If the aforesaid norms of COVID Appropriate Behaviour are not maintained at any establishment/ business premises/weekly market/ schools, colleges, educational / coaching institutes, libraries, religious places etc, then such premises/ weekly market shall be liable to be closed for containing the spread of COVID-19 virus and the defaulter shall also be liable for criminal prosecution under the relevant laws.
3. All District Magistrates and Superintendent of Police shall deploy sufficient number of teams for keeping utmost vigil at public places and for enforcing COVID Appropriate Behaviour so as to avoid any possibility of surge in COVID-19 cases.

H. Miscellaneous

1. Wearing of face mask is compulsory in all public places.
2. Shop owners shall ensure minimum six feet distance among customers and shall not allow more than 5 persons inside the shop at any time. In addition, shop owners should compulsorily keep sanitizers and hand wash in their shops.
3. Shopkeepers and customers shall have to wear masks and maintain social distancing. Responsibility of maintenance of social distancing will be on the shop owner and failure to do so will be viewed very seriously and may entail summary closure of defaulting shops.
4. Industrial units and Tea gardens may function subject to observance of COVID appropriate behaviour. Head of the unit/tea garden shall be responsible for ensuring social distancing, mask wearing by workers and staff, sanitization of industrial premises, thermal scanning etc.
5. Excise authority will continue taking strong action against illegal production and sale of country liquor in all the districts as a COVID containment measure.


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