



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Disaster Management Department - Restrictions imposed in the State as part of COVID-19 containment activities - Further orders issued

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**DISASTER MANAGEMENT (A) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Rt)No.575/2021/DMD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 10/08/2021

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- Read 1 MHA letter no. 40-3/2020-DM-II(A) dated 29.06.2021  
2 GO (Rt) No. 564/2021/DMD dated 04.08.2021  
3 GO(Rt) No.571 /2021/DMD dated 07.08.2021  
4 D.O. Letter No.04/Covid/Fest/AS(H)/2021 dated 04/08/2021 from the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India

**ORDER**

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India vide letter read 4th above has alerted the State Governments about the potential of mass gathering events during the upcoming festivals like Muharram, Onam, Janmashtami, Ganesh Chthurthi and Durga Pooja turning into super spreader events, causing spike in COVID-19 cases. The State Governments have been advised to actively consider imposition of local restrictions in public observation of these festivals and curb mass gatherings, to ensure that no mass gathering occurs during the festivals.

2) Hence, in continuation of the guidelines issued as per Government Orders read 2nd and 3rd above detailing restrictions/ relaxations in connection with the COVID-19 containment activities in the State, the undersigned in his capacity as Chairman of the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec.20(3) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, reiterates that no public observation of festivals or mass gatherings will be permitted during the above mentioned festivals in the State.

3) Following additional guidelines/ clarifications are also issued for strict implementation by the enforcement authorities with effect from 00: 00 Hours of 12th August 2021:

i. Special intensified stringent lockdown restrictions will be enforced in the Panchayats or Urban wards with critical spread, wherein Weekly Infection Population Ratio (WIPR) is above 8.

ii. Micro-containment and testing shall be intensified in areas where new cases are on the rise.

iii. For Sabarimala pilgrimage and darshan from 15th August 2021, a maximum of 15,000 devotees per day will be permitted and virtual queue registration will continue for crowd management.

iv. As per point (v) of annexure to the Government Order read 2nd above, all persons (whether belonging to the categories mentioned in point (iv) or not) are allowed to undertake certain essential activities. It is clarified that those who are yet to receive COVID-19 vaccination or cannot take the vaccine due to drug allergy or other ailments, can move out of their homes for essential activities like purchase of food items, including grocery, milk, meat, fish etc., if there are no other persons in the household belonging to point (iv) of G.O. read 2nd above. If they are required to visit shops they shall be given priority service by the traders. Traders and LSGIs concerned shall give special attention to these categories of persons and ensure home delivery of essential items.

(By order of the Governor)

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Chief Secretary

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