GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract
Disaster Management Department-Guidelines for intensified lockdown in severe containment zones [Red Colour Coded Local Self Governments] in coastal areas- Orders issued

DISASTER MANAGEMENT(A) DEPARTMENT
G.O.(Ms)No.23/2020/DMD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12/07/2020

Read 1 Read: GO (Ms) No. 18/2020/DMD dated 17-6-2020

ORDER

Vide orders read 1st, Containment Zones are notified on a daily basis by Kerala State Disaster Management Authority.

The potential of spreading in severe (red colour coded) containment zones in coastal areas are high. Considering this, guidelines for intensified lockdown in severe (red colour coded) containment zones in coastal areas are issued herewith under Section 18 (2) (d) of Disaster Management Act, 2005 for strict compliance by District Disaster Management Authorities and concerned departments.

(By order of the Governor)
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Guidelines for intensified lockdown in severe containment zones [Red Colour Coded Local Self Governments] in coastal areas

All severe containment zones [Red Colour Coded - GO (Ms) No. 18/2020/DMD dated 17-6-2020] in the coastal areas of the State would be brought under intensified lockdown with the following restrictions, in addition to the existing restrictions.

Only the following activities will be allowed in these areas:
   Exceptions: Defence, central armed police forces, treasury, public utilities (including petroleum, CNG, LPG, PNG), disaster management, power generation and transmission units, post offices, National Informatics Centre, Early Warning Agencies

2. Offices of the State/Union Territory Governments, their Autonomous Bodies, Corporations, etc. shall remain closed.
   Exceptions:
   a. Disaster management, Police, home guards, civil defence, fire and rescue services, and prisons
   b. District Administration, Revenue Divisional Office, Taluk Office, Village Office and Treasury
   c. Electricity, water, sanitation
   d. Municipal bodies - Only staff required for essential services like sanitation, personnel related to water supply etc.

   The above offices (SI. No. 1 & 2) should work with minimum number of employees. All other offices may continue to work-from-home only.

3. Hospitals and all related medical establishments, including their manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector, such as dispensaries, chemist and medical equipment shops, laboratories, clinics, nursing homes, ambulance etc. will continue to remain functional. The transportation for all medical personnel, nurses, para-medical staff, other hospital support services be permitted.

4. All transport services – air, rail, roadways – will remain suspended.
   Exceptions:
   Transit through National Highway will be permitted with the condition that no one will be permitted to stop anywhere while transiting through the Containment Zone. Airport/Railway Station Services and taxis there will be allowed to operate.

5. Grocery shops, bakeries may function from 7 AM to 9 AM for restocking and from 10 AM to 6 PM for sales. Milk booths can operate from 5 AM to 10 AM and 4 PM to 6 PM

6. Night Curfew will prevail from 7 PM to 5 AM

7. ATMs are allowed

8. No other activity than the above will be permitted
9. Wherever exceptions to above containment measures have been allowed, the organizations/employers must ensure necessary precautions against COVID-19 virus, as well as physical distancing measures, as advised by the Health Department from time to time.

10. People are directed to stay at homes/indoor and not to come out. Only essential activities will be allowed in containment zones. The movement of persons in or out of the containment zones or within will not be permitted except for medical emergencies, maintaining supply of essential goods and services.

11. All enforcing authorities to note that these strict restrictions fundamentally relate to movement of people, but not to that of essential goods.

12. The Incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilisation of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.

13. Any person violating these containment 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 Sec. 188 of the IPC.

14. Rapid Response Teams comprising of Revenue, Health and Police to be ready for deployment in these zones.

15. IEC activities to be started in these areas.

16. District Collector shall in person visit and hold meetings with civil society leaders in these zones along with District Police Chief, District Medical Officer, Secretary of the Local Self Government and Deputy Director, Fisheries.

17. Government Servants, Teachers and Police resident in the containment zone shall be deployed for duty therein.

18. 5 kgs of rice shall be distributed in the severely affected coastal areas of the Red Colour Coded Local Self Government by the Food and Civil Supplies Department and the claims may be raised to the Disaster Management Department for payment. In coastal Corporations and Municipalities this will be the coastal wards in which large clusters have developed, if the Corporation/Municipality is Red Colour Coded. In coastal Panchayaths, this will be in the entire panchayaths if it is Red Colour Coded.

19. Fisheries Department in consultation with Health Department will issue separate Standard Operating Procedures for ensuring social distancing and other Covid19 precautions at fish landing centres, fishing villages, fish markets and sale and marketing arrangements of the daily catch of fish.

20. Reverse quarantine facility (RQF) would be setup in each containment zone with provision of standard food for inmates. The evacuation to this RQF should be voluntary after detailed counselling and not to be forced. RQF shall have sufficient sanitation facilities, waste management facilities, overnight supporting staff, pulse oximeters and basic first aid. Health Department will issue detailed notification.

21. District Collectors shall with the help of Local Self Governments and Health Department identify facilities to house Covid Firstline Treatment Centres in the severe containment zones (Red
Colour Coded). The identified CFTCs shall have a minimum of 50 beds. These shall be made operational within a week.

22. These restrictions and instructions will prevail in coastal local self governments notified as severe containment zones [Red Colour Coded - GO (Ms) No. 18/2020/DMD dated 17-6-2020] from 6 PM of 13-7-2020 to 6 PM of 23-7-2020.

23. Daily list of containment zones may be found here https://sdma.kerala.gov.in/containment-zones/