# No. B. 13021/101/2020-DMR/Vol-VII GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM DISASTER MANAGEMENT & REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

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# Dated Aizawl, the $31^{st}$ March, 2022 O R D E R

Whereas, COVID-19 situation in Mizoram has been reviewed by the State Disaster Management Authority from time to time, and it has been observed that COVID-19 cases have been declining over the last few weeks;

Accordingly, it is felt necessary that the restrictions to contain the spread of COVID-19 may be appropriately relaxed in view of the declining trend of Covid-19 in the country and in order to further minimize the adverse effects on lives and the economy;

Now therefore, the undersigned in her capacity as Chairman, State Executive Committee, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 22 (2) (h) & 24 (1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 hereby orders that the following guidelines shall be enforced with immediate effect and until further orders.

#### A. MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT MIZORAM

- 1. It is advised to avoid non-essential movement of people during this period.
- **2.** The Deputy Commissioner shall make arrangement for compliance and implementation of 'the Operational Guideline for Containment and Surveillance Plan for Covid-19' issued by Health & Family Welfare Department from time to time depending upon the local situation and requirement.

# 3. Schools and other institutions

- 1) Schools and hostels for all classes shall open in offline mode from the next academic session w.e.f. 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.
- 2) A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) shall be issued by the Department specifying all the requirements for the classes and hostels, including the requirements for full vaccination of teachers, other staff and students.
- 3) All Anganwadi and Creche Centres may resume their functioning for which Social Welfare Department may issue appropriate SOP, including the requirements for full vaccination of Anganwadi workers and other staff.

#### 4. Higher Education Institutions

- 1) Classes and Hostels are permitted to be opened for all students of final Semesters of Higher Education Institutions (Colleges, Universities and other higher institutions) and classes for Ph.D. course work under Department of HAMP, MZU shall remain opened.
- 2) Practical classes and hostels for all Practical Subject students (UG&PG) in various higher institutions (Universities, Colleges, Technical & Professional Institutions) may resume functioning w.e.f. 1st April, 2022.

- 3) Offline classes shall be permitted for all semesters from the next academic session starting from July, 2022 as per the instructions issued by Higher & Technical Education Department with strict observance of Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB).
- 4) The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the above will be prepared by Higher & Technical Education Department which will also ensure full vaccination of the students and teachers/ other officials on duty.

# 5. Religious places and religious gathering

- 1) Normal worship services during day time and night time are permitted. Morning and evening prayer services are also permitted.
- 2) Church congregation (inkhawmpui) is permitted for day-time and night-time services.
- 3) CAB shall be strictly enforced. The Local Church and concerned LLTF/VLTF shall constitute CAB/ SOP Implementation Committee.
- 4) The Local Churches are expected to observe extreme caution against spread of Covid-19 keeping in view the prevailing situation in their respective localities/villages under the overall guidance of the concerned Deputy Commissioner.
- 5) Preparing of mass feasting in church services and church congregation (inkhawmpui) is not advisable.

#### 6. Funeral services and wedding services

Funeral services and wedding services are permitted with maximum 50% seating capacity of the indoor venue, with the advisory that no refreshments are prepared and served.

#### 7. Sports activities

Sports competition, tournament, etc. (indoor & outdoor) are permitted. Spectators are limited to maximum 50% seating capacity of the indoor venue.

#### 8. Public gatherings

National/State/District level important programmes, public gatherings-anniversary, birthday, etc. are permitted with maximum 50% seating capacity of the indoor venue.

#### 9. Various Offices:

- 1) State Government Offices shall attend office at their normal attendance.
- 2) Mizoram Legislative Assembly Secretariat may make their own arrangement.
- 3) Central Government Offices, Central PSUs, Banks, etc to function as per Government of India's instruction.
- 4) Courts and judiciary may function as per the arrangement of the Gauhati High Court.

- 5) Offices of religious denominations, Private owned company/office consultancy services, etc. are permitted to be opened with their normal attendance.
- 10. All other activities are permitted with strict observance of CAB.

#### **B. OTHER MATTERS**

### 1. Plying of vehicles within Aizawl city

Vehicles shall ply within Aizawl city as per the existing arrangement made by the SP (Traffic).

#### 2. Vaccination

For the safety of the general public, it is advisable to take COVID-19 vaccination at the earliest by all individuals (target group) free of cost from any of the Government's vaccination centres. Deputy Commissioners may ensure extensive coverage of all doses of vaccination within their respective Districts.

# 3. Travel restrictions and entry protocols

Travel restrictions/ screening at airport and other entry points including testing, quarantine, isolation, etc. shall be as per the instructions of Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Mizoram issued from time to time.

#### 4. Local Restrictions

- 1) LLTFs/VLTFs shall not declare any sort of restriction/ curfew/ lockdown/ Containment Area/ Restricted Area within their locality on their own.
- 2) If a need is felt to impose restriction within a particular locality, a written application clearly stating the justification shall be submitted to the concerned Deputy Commissioner.
- 3) LLTFs/VLTFs of villages/ towns traversed by highways/ roads shall not restrict movement of travelers within their locality.

#### 5. Emergency contact numbers

In case of emergency, individuals may contact State Control Room (Toll free 1070, landline 0389-2342520, mobile 7628072785 and whatsapp 9366331931) and COVID-19 (Medical) helpline number (Toll free 102, landline 0389-2323336, 0389-2322336 and 0389-2318336 for conveying their problems. These numbers shall be conspicuously displayed at entry points.

#### C. OBSERVANCE OF CAB

1. High standard of precautionary and safety measures should be adopted by each and every individual to avoid the spread and transmission of virus. Responsibilities and duties referred to as COVID Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) are enclosed in Annexure, and all are expected to strictly adhere to it.

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- 2. In particular, wearing of face masks shall be complied with while singing or delivering speech during religious gatherings, funeral services, weddings, sports competitions/tournaments and other public gatherings.
- 3. Social distancing shall be complied with in all public gatherings, religious places and all other services.
- 4. In all the permitted activities, all concerned authorities are expected to enforce the CAB/SOP to prevent the possible spread of Covid-19.
- 5. All concerned authorities shall be responsible for proper sanitization and cleanliness in their respective offices, shops, administrative areas, etc. Regular sanitization of frequently used equipment and instruments should also be done in places such as Beauty parlours, Spas, Gyms and Hair cutting salons/ Barber shops, etc.

#### D. ENFORCEMENT AND PUNISHMENT OF VIOLATIONS

Violation of these measures will be liable for prosecution as per the provisions of Section 51 to Section 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, Section 5 of The Mizoram (Containment & Prevention of the spread of COVID-19) Act, 2020 besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC and other legal provisions as applicable.

Sd/- Dr. Renu Sharma Chief Secretary, Mizoram & Chairman, State Executive Committee, State Disaster Management Authority, Mizoram.

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- 1. Secretary to the Governor, Mizoram.
- 2. Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister, Mizoram for information.
- 3. P.S. to Deputy Chief Minister, Mizoram
- 4. P.S. to Speaker/ Ministers/ Ministers of State/Deputy Speaker/ Vice-Chairman, SPB/Deputy Govt. Chief Whip, Mizoram.
- 5. Home Secretary, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 6. Sr. P.P.S to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram.
- 7. All Administrative Heads of Departments, Government of Mizoram.
- 8. Director General of Police, Mizoram.
- 9. Commissioner & Secretary, Mizoram Legislative Assembly.
- 10. Secretary of all Constitutional & Statutory Bodies, Mizoram.
- 11. All Deputy Commissioners, Mizoram.
- 12. All Superintendents of Police, Mizoram.
- 13. Director, I&PR for wide publicity.
- 14. All Chairpersons, LLTF/VLTF.
- 15. Controller, Printing & Stationery with 5 (five) spare copies for publication in the Mizoram Gazette.
- 16. Guard File.

(LALTANPUIA HNAMTE)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department.

To avoid COVID-19 infection

WEAR MASK, MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING OF 6 FEET, OBSERVE HAND HYGIENE

# A set of 15 promises, we need to follow, as part of COVID Appropriate Behaviours

