



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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From

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Principal Secretary to Government

To

All Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Commissioner-cum-Secretaries / *Secretaries*

**Sub: Management of COVID-19 Pandemic regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

I am to say that COVID-19 has now spread to more than 117 countries, including India and World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared it a global pandemic, the cabinet in its meeting held today has taken following decisions for prevention and containment of the disease:

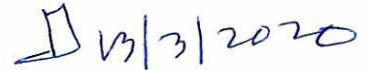
1. All probable places of public congregation, gatherings, meetings, conferences, etc are to be regulated and restricted.
2. All educational institutions shall remain closed till 31.03.2020 except for holding examinations.
3. Non-essential official gatherings such as seminars, workshops, conferences will be cancelled.
4. Social gatherings and assemblies likely religious functions, marriage receptions, parties etc will be regulated by local authorities
5. Cinema Halls, swimming pools and gyms will be closed till 31.03.2020
6. The District Collectors, Municipal Commissioners and other local authorities will assess the nature and size of the assemblies in their respective

jurisdictions and prevent, restrict, regulate and otherwise control them by invoking provisions under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

7. Special meetings of Gram Panchayats and Panchayat Samitis will be held to sensitize people's representatives about COVID-19 and precautions to be followed and their roles in preventing/containing the pandemic.
8. Mission Shakti Department will organise sensitisation of Women Self Help Groups (in small group meetings) on precautionary measures and symptoms of COVID-19.
9. I&PR Deptt. will undertake settings of hoardings at all prominent locations in both urban and rural areas across the state upto Gram Panchayat level.

It is therefore, requested to issue directions accordingly to all the organisations, subordinates offices under your control to adhere to the above scrupulously.

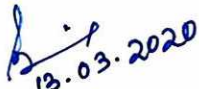
Yours faithfully

 13/3/2020

Principal Secretary to Government

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 13.03.2020  
Joint Secretary to Government