



COVID-19 PR No-72

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- As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, Odisha has sent a team of 500 members, including 300 fire personnel & 10 ODRAF teams to West Bengal in order to assist in relief & rescue operations in the aftermath of Cyclone Amphan. Hon'ble Chief Minister reiterated that people of Odisha stand by West Bengal during this unprecedented crisis.
- Keeping in view the guidelines issued by Government of India regarding domestic air travel, issue of Standard Operating Procedure for movement of persons by train and further normal train operation w.e.f 01/06/2020, Government of Odisha has partially amended the previous order issued on 18/05/2020 extending the lock down in the State of Odisha till midnight of 31/05/2020.
- After amendment, except in containment zones, the following activities are permitted with restrictions:
 1. Inter-State movement of passenger vehicles and buses, with mutual consent of the State(s)/ UT(s) involved.
 2. Intra-State movement of two wheelers, private vehicles, official vehicles, taxis (including cabs by aggregators like Ola, Uber etc.). Four wheelers and Auto Rickshaws are allowed with up to 2 passengers apart from the driver.
 3. Intra-State Buses, other Passenger vehicles and City Buses are allowed to operate up to sitting capacity of the vehicle.
 4. Intra-State trains are allowed to operate following the SOP of MHA and Indian Railways.
 5. Movement of Public Transport, private vehicles and taxis (including cabs by aggregators like Ola, Uber, etc.) to and from airports, railway station and bus terminals/ stands/ stops are allowed round the clock, for facilitating movement of passengers by air, rail and road.
 6. All passengers travelling across the State by any mode of transport shall compulsorily wear face masks and persons with visible symptoms will not be permitted board.
- Guideline for quarantine in rural areas is amended as under-

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1. The quarantine period for returnee(s) to the State will be limited to 14 days. This shall be implemented by local authorities i.e., District Collectors.
 2. Returnee(s) in rural areas will undergo 7 days of mandatory institutional quarantine, after which asymptomatic returnee(s) shall be discharged to undergo home quarantine for a further period of 7 days. If the local authorities find it necessary for reasons related to containment of COVID-19 and to prevent spread of infection, they may extend the period of institutional quarantine of the returnee(s).
 3. In case the quarantine develops symptoms requiring medical attention, he/ she may be shifted to COVID Care Centre/ COVID Hospital.
- The guideline for quarantine in urban areas has been modified to the effect that every person on return from outside Odisha shall have to compulsorily stay in home quarantine for a period of 14 days, observing guidelines issued by H&FW Dept., Govt. of Odisha. If the returnee does not have proper quarantine facility at home, he/ she shall undergo institutional/ paid quarantine for a duration as directed by the local authorities.
 - Govt. officials, professionals, businessmen or any other person travelling to Odisha on work and intending to exit within 72 hrs, Govt. officials, professionals, businessmen or any other person who have travelled from Odisha on work and are returning to the State within 72 hrs. of departure from Odisha, and returnee who has already undergone prescribed quarantine are exempted from mandatory quarantine.
 - Guideline has been issued for the quarantine as well as exemption by Special Relief Commissioner. The State Government appeals different Odia organisations, the returnees as well as the local authorities to extend all cooperation in this regard to contain the spread of COVID-19.
 - 72 Doctors from 8 districts across the State successfully completed COVID-19 critical care training which was conducted at SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack.
 - Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day since 3rd May. 17,706 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 2,55,404 Odias have returned to Odisha. Returnees are coming by train/bus and other vehicles.
 - 16,586 Temporary Medical Centres/Camps have been readied in 6798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 7,29,095 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
 - From 23rd May morning to 24th May morning, 12 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19, out of which 8 cases are for violation of lock down and 3 cases for violation of Home Quarantine and 1 case related

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to other issues. 12 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 23rd May, 1,23,834 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1335.
- 550 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 7.
- No. of active cases is 778.
- 1042 persons are in hospital isolation.

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