



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No. HFW 203 ACS 2020

Karnataka Government Secretariat
Vikas Soudha,
Bangalore, Dated: 05.06.2020

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has issued SOPs vide O.M. No.F.NO. Z 28015/19/2020-EMR (Pt.), dated 4.6.2020 (copy enclosed) for the following :

- (1) Religious places / places of worship for public
- (2) Hotels and other hospitality services
- (3) Restaurants
- (4) Shopping Malls

Concerned Departments shall implement SOPs applicable to them. In case a Department is preparing its own protocol as per their assessment of the situation with a view to effectively contain COVID-19, it shall be stricter than the SOP issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

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- 1) Commissioner, BBMP
- 2) Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department (Mujarai)
- 3) Principal Secretary to Government, Tourism Department
- 4) Secretary to Government, Minority Welfare Department

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- 1) Chief Secretary to GOK
- 2) Commissioner, HFW Services
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Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 4th June, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Government of India has been taking various measures towards management of COVID-19. As part of graded response various restrictions were in place for various public activities and guidelines have been issued from time to time as per the evolving situation.

Ministry of Home Affairs has issued orders under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 dated 30.05.2020 extending the lockdown in Containment Zones up to 30.06.2020 and to reopen certain activities in a phased manner in areas outside the Containment Zones.

The said orders provided that MoHFW will issue SOPs for allowing following activities with effect from 08.06.2020

1. Religious places/ places of worship for public.
2. Hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services.
3. Shopping Malls

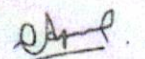
Accordingly, the SOPs as mentioned in annexure have been formulated in consultation with Central Ministries/ Departments concerned and other stakeholders and are hereby issued to be made applicable with effect from 08.06.2020.

States/UTs are requested to implement the aforesaid SOPs. However, they may develop and implement their own protocol which may be stricter as per their assessment of the situation with a view to effectively contain COVID-19.

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl:

1. SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in offices
2. SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in religious places
3. SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in hotels and other hospitality services
4. SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in restaurants
5. SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in shopping malls



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To

- Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs
- Secretary (Ministry of Home Affairs, Tourism, Urban Development, Department of Personnel Training, DPIIT)

4th June, 2020

Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in religious places/ places of worship

1. Background

Religious places / places of worship get frequented by large number of people for spiritual solace. To prevent spread of COVID-19 infection, it is important that required social distancing and other preventive measures are followed in such premises.

2. Scope

This document outlines various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be taken at particular places to prevent spread of COVID-19.

Religious places/ places of worship for public in containment zones shall remain closed. Only those outside containment zones will be allowed to open up.

3. Generic preventive measures

Person above 65 years of age, persons with comorbidities, pregnant woman and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home. Organisations managing the religious institutions to advise accordingly.

The generic preventive measures include simple public health measures that are to be followed to reduce the risk of COVID-19. These measures need to be observed by all (workers and visitors) in these places at all times.

These include:

- i. Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places as far as feasible.
- ii. Use of face covers/masks to be mandatory.
- iii. Practice frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be made wherever feasible.
- iv. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.
- v. Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest to state and district helpline.
- vi. Spitting should be strictly prohibited.
- vii. Installation & use of Aarogya Setu App shall be advised to all.