



**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
HOME DEPARTMENT**

ORDER

NO. SOJI/8-1(04)2020 (Stage-3 NPIs): **Whereas**, the Sindh Provincial Task Force meeting was held today on 17.05.2021 under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Sindh, where the situation of Covid-19 was reviewed. The Provincial Task Force observed the rise in positivity percentage of Covid tests conducted in Karachi, which indicates rise in cases and discussed various ways and means to contain the disease. It was reiterated that compliance of the SOPs for Covid continues to remain a corner stone measure for control of disease spread. The Task force also reviewed the discussions and decisions taken during the National Command & Operation Centre (NCOC) meeting 15.05.2021 the decisions of which were communicated vide letter No 801/A/ /NCOC-01 dated 15.05.2021 by NCOC.

2. **Whereas**, the Medical Experts suggested continued closure of some activities in view of rise in number of cases especially in Karachi and also in Hyderabad. However, it was decided to go with the decisions taken by the NCOC for the sake of uniformity at National level with the decision that strict interventions will be put in place if cases show a rising trend. The Task Force also decided to issue strict warnings and advice for public to strictly follow SOPs on Covid control with warning that if the cases rise, the closure of many activities may have to be undertaken specially in areas with high positivity. It was also decided to increase the number test conducted so that proper positivity is reflected.

3. **Now therefore**, In view of the decision taken by NCOC dated 15 May 2021 and by Provincial Task Force on covid-19 dated 17th may 2021, the Government of Sindh in exercise of the powers under Section 3 (1) Of Sindh Epidemic Diseases Act, 2014 (The Sindh Act VIII of 2015) hereby directs as follows:

A. Offices with normal working hours:

- (i) Resumption of normal working hours for public / private offices w.e.f. 17.05.2021, however 50% work from home policy will continue to be implemented.
- (ii) Public visit to office shall be minimum and for essential or urgent or Court related work only.

B. Business timings:

- (i) **Businesses timings shall be from 06:00 am to 08:00 pm.**
- (ii) As per National Coordination Committee (NCC) decision dated 23.04.2021 there will be a **restriction on activities after 08:00 pm till 06.00 am**. Essential services are exempted.
- (iii) Two days (**Saturday and Sunday**) will be **observed as closed days** for businesses. Essential services are exempted as per previous order of even number dated 07.05.2021.
- (iv) Restaurants / food streets to remain closed with no Indoor or Outdoor dining. However, only home delivery, takeaway and drive through as well as Bakeries and Milkshops are allowed till 12:00 am (Midnight).

Note: Essential services are as defined in earlier order of even under dated 07.05.2021 at serial No. 04.

C. Transport:

Resumption of all type of Public Transport with 50% occupancy and strict SOPs adherence (mask mandatory, ventilation, awareness banners etc).

FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS SHALL CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN PLACE:-

D. Closed/Activities:

- a) Marriage Halls, Businesses Centers, Expo Halls.
- b) All content Sports, Indoor Gyms, Sports facilitate, Sporting Tournaments, (Indoor, Outdoor).
- c) Themes Parks, Amusement Parks, Arcade Video Games, Carrum / Dabbu playing areas.
- d) Beauty Parlors, Spas
- e) Cinemas and Theaters
- f) Shrines

E. Factories / Industries Shops / Markets:-

All manufacturing, selling units (shops, factories etc) to ensure that their staff / employees working within their premises have proper ventilated space, with proper distancing all times and proper washings on floors and directions /banners on walls capacity within such facility is to be displayed on outside / entrance of premises and no extra / excess persons allowed inside.

Any such unit requiring to transport their staff / labor are to ensure that they travel properly as per SOP, in public transport or dedicated arranged transport.

MISCELLANEOUS

F. Special focus Areas: -

Karachi Division (especially District East and South), Hyderabad District (Qasimabad, Latifabad & Taluka Hyderabad City), and Sukkur city area showing increased positivity / cases require more focus. Commissioners, Deputy Commissioner concerned are to identify hot spots within their Jurisdiction in consultation with Health Department and take adequate steps to:

- i. Stop unnecessary movement while ensuring provision of essential services within the area.
- ii. More strict measures to ensure SOP compliance.
- iii. Public awareness through local leaders influential person.

G. SOPs adherence

Mandatory Mask wearing at public places of gathering, banners for awareness, floor markings, responsibility of owners, partners managers as per orders No. SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona dated 14th April, 2020 and 6th November, 2020.

General

4. The Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, Labour Officers, concerned as well as personnel of Law Enforcement Agencies not below the rank of Inspector Police or equivalent rank of other law Enforcement Agencies are empowered under section 3 (1) of the said acts to take legal action on any Act contravention of this order or directions/notices issued there-under. Further legal action can also be taken under relevant Labour, Industrial and other applicable laws
5. Secretaries of respective departments who are entrusted with regulation / control of respective activities / function related to above as well as respective divisional Commissioners are empowered under Section 3(1) of said Act to issue further orders, directions, notices to put this order into effect in letter and spirit and to clarify further for implementation purpose (but not allow what is not permitted or disallow what is permitted). Any such order / direction / notice is to be issued by fully taking onboard the respective Law Enforcing Agencies / Police to ensure proper implementation mechanism.
6. A team of officers / inspectors of administrative departments duly authorized by Deputy Commissioners or Secretaries concerned may check the place at any time for compliance of the directions & SOPs issued by Government.
7. Order shall remain effective till **31st May, 2021**.

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NO. SOJI/8-1(04)2020(Stage-3 NPLs):

Karachi dated 17th May, 2021

A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Governor of Pakistan, Islamabad.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation & Coordination, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad
3. The Chairman, Planning & Development Board, Sindh Karachi.
4. The Senior Member Board of Revenue Sindh, Karachi.
5. The Principal Secretary to Governor Sindh, Karachi.
6. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
7. The Chairman, Anti-Corruption establishment, Sindh, Karachi.
8. The Director General Rangers Sindh, Karachi.
9. The Administrative Secretaries of Government of Sindh (All).
10. The Inspector General of Police Sindh, Karachi.
11. The Inspector General of Prisons Sindh, Karachi.
12. The Commissioners (all) in Sindh.
13. The Deputy Commissioners (all) in Sindh.
14. The Senior Superintendent of Police, (all) in Sindh.
15. The Director, Press Information Department for giving wide publicity in electronic and print media.
16. The Deputy Secretary (staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
17. The Deputy Director (operations), National Command & Operation Centre (NCOC), Government of Pakistan, Islamabad
18. The Superintendent, Sindh Government Printing press, Karachi for Publication in the next issue of Government Gazette and provide copies thereof.
19. The PSO to ACS Home Sindh, Karachi.


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