

Office of District Magistrate, Amritsar (COVID-19 Control Room)

ORDER

Whereas, to contain the spread of COVID-19, a complete lockdown was announced in the state of Punjab and Curfew was imposed in District Amritsar on 23.03.2020.

Whereas, keeping in view the current situation of COVID-19 in Amritsar, and in light of the guidelines given by Govt. of Punjab, Department of Home Affairs and Justice vide Letter No. SS/ACSH/2020/355 dated 04.05.2020, in order to mitigate the hardship to the public,

I, Shivdular Singh Dhillon, IAS, District Magistrate, Amritsar, allow certain relaxations for construction activities, industrial activities and commercial activities etc in addition to the already given relaxation for essential commodities, medical supplies and the agriculture sector.

However, these relaxations will not be allowed in HOTSPOT areas and containment zones.

1 Construction activities

It is hereby ordered that:-

- 1. All kinds of legal constructions are allowed in rural areas without any restriction.
- 2. No pass is required for the labour involved in construction activities within a village.
- 3. As regards urban areas, only on-going projects can continue subject to the availability of workers on the site. Such on-going works also include personal/residential/commercial buildings.
- 4. GM DIC and all SDMs, are authorised to give permissions for resuming construction activity and passes for labour within their subdivision.
- 5. The applicant shall ensure that all the guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) related to COVID-19 are followed at the construction site.
- 6. The permission will be cancelled without prior notice if anyone is found violating the guidelines of COVID -19.

2. Commercial Activities

It is hereby ordered that:-

- 1. In rural areas, all shops registered under the Shops and Establishment Act, except those in multi-brand and single-brand malls, are allowed to open with 50% strength of workers.
- 2. In urban areas, all stand-alone shops and shops in residential complexes, gated communities / vehras are allowed to open.
- 3. In urban markets/bazaar areas, all shops dealing with essential goods are allowed to open. Apart from these, only those shops will open which are permitted to do so by the concerned SDMs / DCPs keeping in view the principles of necessity, within their respective jurisdiction, and the opening of these shops will be as per the guidelines issued by the Department of Home Affairs and Justice, Government of Punjab, from time to time.
- 4. Shops which have been allowed to open are those shops which deal in goods only and shops/establishments dealing in services like salons, barber shops, spas, and Beauty Parlors etc. would continue to remain closed. E-commerce companies will continue to be permitted for essential goods.
- 5. The opening and closing of liquor vends shall be governed by the instructions of the Department of Excise and Taxation, Punjab, issued from time to time. However, Pubs, Bars and Ahataas are not allowed to open

- 6. The shops which are allowed to open will open from 07:00 am to 03:00 pm.
- 7. Banks shall continue to open for general public dealing work only, from 09:00 am to 01:00 pm, but are allowed to carry out their non-public dealing work of their office as per their requirements.
- 8. Restaurants and other eateries are permitted to do home delivery only, with valid permits. On premises dining is not permitted.
- 9. Shopkeepers will ensure complete Covid prevention measures such as social distancing, use of sanitisers, use of masks etc.
- 10. Only one member of a family would be allowed to go out to procure essential commodities during specified time, on foot, wearing mask and following Covid prevention norms.
- 11. The use of vehicles (4-wheelers and 2-wheelers) shall only be done with a valid permit.

3. <u>Industrial Activities</u>

It is hereby ordered that:

- All the industries located in rural areas i.e, out of Municipal Corporation/Committee limit, in all Focal Points or Industrial Areas will be allowed to resume their operations.
- 2. All the industries located in urban areas, where the labour is available within the premises or industrial complex areas are allowed to resume their operation.
- 3. No specific approval or permission from any district authority would be required for restarting the operations by the above Industry.
- 4. If the industry is satisfied that they have made adequate arrangements for implementation of SOP, they have to send a self- declaration regarding this to GM, DIC, Amritsar, office via email ID gmdicasr@gmail.com before starting their operations.
- 5. The bulk passes for movement of factory workers in rural areas (if done by Bus or such vehicles) will be issued by GM-DIC, Amritsar. The movement of labour will also be permitted on foot or by cycles, For issuance of passes for labour, the factory owner will submit a list of workers along with their Adhar Card Numbers to the GM-DIC, and get it approved. These passes will be validated along with a photo ID card of the holder. For urban area, these passes can be taken for supervisiory staff by the industry from the office of GM DIC.
- 6. The movement passes for management and official staff along with their vehicles will be taken from epasscovid19.pais.net.in. While applying for epass, the management and staff will have to upload the self-declaration as supporting document.
- 7. The movement of factory workers for rural areas will be restricted to the given timings as under: Morning: 7:00 am to 9:00 am, Evening: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

4. Offices and Institutions

It is hereby ordered that:

- 1. Punjab government offices are allowed to open as per Personnel department's instructions.
- Government of India offices are allowed to open with 100% of Deputy Secretaries and above and 33% other staff, attending offices.
- 3. Private offices can open with not more than 33% staff.
- 4. Educational Institutions can open only for office work. However, there will be no classes except online teaching and not more than 33% of the staff will be called to the institution.
- 5. Private Offices and Institutions which are to open with not more than 33% staff, shall submit a copy of their roster allocating duties to 33% of their staff per day. This information be sent at amritsarcontrolroom@gmail.com.

6. For the staff of the above mentioned offices and institutions, the identity cards issued by the respective heads of the offices/institutions will be considered valid for their movement from their respective homes to offices and back.

These orders are being issued under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the Punjab Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 regulations, 2020 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and any violation of these orders shall attract penal action under the above provisions of law.

> Shivdular Singh Dhillon, IAS District Magistrate, Amritsar.

Endorsement No. COVID-19/19/-1213

Dated

A copy is forwarded to the:

- 1. Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 2. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Home Affairs and Justice, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh,
- 3. Director General of Police, Punjab, Chandigarh,
- 4. Addl. Director General of Police, Intelligence, Punjab, Chandigarh,
- 5. Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar,
- 6. District & Session Judge, Amritsar,
- 7. Commissioner of Police, Amritsar (City),
- 8. Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar (Rural),
- 9. All District Magistrates, Punjab,
- 10. Commissioner, Muncipal Corporation, Amritsar,
- 11. Chief Adminitrator, Amritsar Development Athority, Amritsar,
- 12. Additional District Magistrates, Amritsar,
- 13. Additinal Deputy Commissioner (Development), Amritsar,
- 14. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Amritsar,
- 15. Station Commander, Amritsar Cantt,
- 16. All SDMs/Tehsildars/Naib Tehsildars, District Amritsar,
- 17. General Manager, District Industrial Center, Amritsar,
- 18. SE, PWD (B&R), Amritsar,
- 19. Ex. En. PPCB, Amritsar,
- 20. Assistant Labour Commissioner, Amritsar,
- 21. All Executive Magistrates, Amritsar,
- 22. All District Head Offices, Amritsar, for information
- 23. DPRO, Amritsar, who will give wide publicity to this order through the media and his publicity vans

District Magistrate Amritsar.