

ORDER

Whereas, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Goalpara has vide order No. DDMA/Goalpara/37/2020/Pt.I/117-121 (A) Dated 27-07-2021 issued consolidated and revised guidelines for the district of Goalpara for containment of COVID - 19 in both rural and urban areas until further order.

Whereas, the situation of COVID 19 in the District has been reviewed and observed that, though the number of COVID 19 patients and positivity rate is declining, the situation is still precarious, for which adequate containment measures for both urban and rural areas are still necessary for containment COVID-19 across the District.

Therefore in exercise of the powers, conferred under section 30 (2) (IV), (2) & (2) (XXIX) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and order from CEO, ASDMA vide order no. ASDMA.28/2021/203 Dated: 2nd August, 2021, I, the Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Goalpara, considering the present COVID-19 situation of the district, hereby issue the following directives which will be applicable in both urban and rural areas which will remain in force with effect from **5 AM of August 3, 2021 until further order.**

A. Containment Zones :

In case of test positivity of COVID-19 in any area reaches more than 10 cases in the last seven days, the said area will be notified as containment zones following due procedure.

However, in such zones, emergency services will continue round the clock and essential services including shops, dealing with groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, animal fodder, etc. will remain open up to 5 pm.

Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through e-commerce in such areas will continue round the clock.

B. Restrictions imposed:

Except for exemptions given in Annexure 'A' ,

1. The Curfew time will effective from **5 PM to 5 AM** in the District until further order.
2. Opening of work place and business/commercial establishments remain open up to 4.00 P.M.
3. Functioning of Govt. and private offices/ establishments remain open up to 4.00 P.M.
4. Opening of Shops and commercial establishments remain open up to 4.00 P.M.
5. Shops dealing with groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, animal fodder remain open up to 4.00 PM.
6. Dine in Restaurants, Dhabas and other eateries with takeaway of food items from Restaurants, Dhabas and other eateries remain open up to 4.00 P.M.
7. Opening of sale counters, showrooms etc. of cold storage and warehouses remain open up to 4.00 P.M.
8. Shops on one side of the road will remain opened in alternate days in entire district.

C. Other restrictions and relaxations :

1. All Government servants (including Contractual and fixed pay) who have taken at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine shall attend office. Private sector entities may take their own decision about attendance of their employees on this account.
2. Employees who have not taken vaccine will have to attend office as and when their services are required by respective authorities.

3. Employees engaged in emergency/essential services shall attend their duty without any restrictions at any place.
4. The organizations (Government/Private) rendering Essential/Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Services and Election work will continue working without any restrictions.
5. Pregnant women employees and women with children of 5 years or below working under any Government / PSU / Financial Institutions / Private Organizations irrespective of their grade shall be eligible to work from home.
6. Persons with disabilities (PwDs) working in any Government/PSU/ Financial Institutions/Private organizations shall be exempted from attending duties in consonance with the O.M. No.11013/9/2014/Esst.(A.III) dated 1st April, 2020 issued by DoPT, Gol. However, they may be encouraged to work from home.

D. Public Transport (Government and Private) :

1. Goods transport shall continue unhindered.
2. All Public transport authorities shall enforce COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and seating inside the vehicles, carriers, containers etc.
3. Auto Rickshaws, Cycle Rickshaws and Taxis shall operate with one driver and two passengers maintaining social distancing.
4. Pillion riding will be totally prohibited in two wheelers, except with women and children.
5. Intra-district transport, with 50% seating capacity and observance of COVID appropriate behaviour, may be allowed.
6. All inter-district passengers transport services and movement of people to and from other districts shall remain suspended.
7. Wearing of face mask is mandatory even for a single person driving a vehicle. In case of persons travelling in any private car, up to 100% of its seating capacity, wearing of face mask is mandatory for all the persons.

E. Educational Institutions (Government and Private) :

1. All Educational Institutions including Schools/Colleges/Universities shall continue to provide quality virtual options. No physical classes are allowed.
2. Teachers / Faculty members need not attend their respective institution but if District Administration engages in COVID-19 / flood relief related emergency duties, they will have to attend assigned duties.

F. Gatherings :

1. Meeting/gathering in closed spaces shall be allowed with prior permission of the Deputy Commissioner upto one third of the hall capacity with ceiling of maximum 200 fully vaccinated persons.
2. Marriages and receptions will be allowed with presence of maximum 10 (ten) persons for the religious part.
3. All Religious places shall remain closed for devotees until further orders.
4. Funeral/last rites is allowed with not more than 10 (Ten) persons.
5. Hotels/Resorts will open up to 4.00 PM.
6. Delivery of essential goods through e-Commerce will continue with observance of COVID appropriate behaviour round the clock.
7. Weekly Haats/bazaars shall continue to be closed.
8. Pharmacies, Hospitals, Animal Care Centres and Veterinary clinics may operate without restrictions round the clock being providers of essential and emergency services.

G. Miscellaneous:

1. Wearing of face mask is compulsory in all public places.
2. Shop owners shall ensure minimum six feet distance among customers and shall not allow more than 5 persons inside the shop. In addition, shop owners should compulsorily keep sanitizers and hand wash in their grocery shops.
3. Shopkeepers and customers shall have to wear masks, hand gloves and maintain social distancing. Responsibility of maintenance of social distancing will be on the shop owner and failure to do so will be viewed very seriously and may entail summary closure of defaulting shops.