



**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
HOME DEPARTMENT**

ORDER

NO. SOJI/8-1(04)2020 (Stage-3 NPIs): Whereas, the Sindh Provincial Task Force meeting was held on 22.05.2021 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 throughout the Province specially in Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur which indicates rise in cases. The Task Force 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.

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. 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 of test conducted so that proper positivity is reflected.

3. Now therefore, In view of the decision taken by Provincial Task Force on COVID-19 in its meeting dated 22nd 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. Business timings:

- (i) **Businesses timings shall be from 05:00 am to 06:00 pm (except Essential Services-A as defined in earlier order of even number dated 7.5.2021 at Serial No.04 i.e Petrol Pumps, Stand alone Pharmacies / Medical Centres / Facilities , Vaccination Centres, E-commerce and Takeaways, Municipal services, registered Welfare Organizations (like Edhi, Chipa etc), Call centres, Cellular Companies, Internet Service Providers, Govt essential services / offices, Utility Services offices (Electricity / Natural Gas, Telecom), Print, Electronic Media, Newspapers staff / distribution etc).**
- (ii) **Bakeries and Milk Shops are allowed to operate till 12:00 am (midnight).**
- (iii) **Pharmacies inside the Shopping Malls / Departmental stores / Super Stores shall also close at 6:00 pm at par with rest of businesses / shops in the Shopping Malls / Super Stores.**
- (iv) **Two days (Friday and Sunday) will be observed as closed days for businesses for the rest of the Province except Hyderabad District where Fridays and Saturdays are declared closed days as per request of Commissioner, Hyderabad Division. Essential services are exempted as per previous order of even number dated 7.05.2021 and 17.5.2021.**
- (v) **Restaurants / food streets to remain closed with no Indoor or Outdoor dining. However, only home delivery, takeaway and drive through is allowed.**

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

B. Transport:

Public Transport with (inter-city, intra-city and inter-Provincial) is permitted with 50% occupancy and strict SOPs adherence (mask mandatory, ventilation, awareness banners etc).

FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS SHALL CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN PLACE:-

C. Closed/Activities:

- a) Marriage Halls, Businesses Centers, Expo Halls.
- b) All content Sports, Indoor Gyms, Sports facilities, Sporting Tournaments, (Indoor, Outdoor).
- c) Themes Parks, Amusement Parks, Arcade Video Games, Carrum / Dabbu playing areas.
However, **walking / jogging tracks** will remain open with strict adherence of COVID SoPs but no one will be allowed to sit within the parks.
- d) All tourist spots including **Keenjhar lake, Lab-e-Mehran**), picnic points including beaches (**Sea View, Haswksbay, Sandpit** etc) and recreational parks.
- e) Beauty Parlors / Clinics.
- f) Cinemas and Theaters
- g) Shrines.
- h) **All types of indoor / outdoor gatherings** including cultural, musical / religious / miscellaneous.

D. Schools, Colleges and Universities across the Province shall remain closed for further two weeks or till the situation improves / positivity rate decreases or till further review by the Provincial Task Force on COVID-19.

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.

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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.

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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. These directions shall remain effective till further orders.

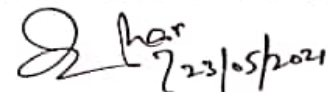
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1. The Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Governor of Pakistan, Islamabad.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation & Coordination, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad
3. The Chairman, Planning & Development Board, Sindh Karachi.
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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