



Subject: **Revised NPIs for High Disease Prevalence Cities**

COVID update at PM office dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 reference.

1. **COVID update** encompassing **proposed NPIs** was presented by NCOC to Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021. After taking a detailed stock of current COVID situation in different parts of country, Honourable Prime Minister very kindly **consented** the approval of stringent measures for **high disease prevalence cities** only (**Lahore, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Multan, Peshawar, Abbottabad, Muzaffarabad, Mirpur, Gilgit, Skardu and Islamabad**). As regards to **Karachi and Hyderabad**, stringent measures already enforced by **Sindh Government**.

2. **Revised NPIs for high disease prevalence cities** are as under:-

Ser	Sector	NPIs	NPIs Effective Duration
a.	<b>Business Timings</b>	<b>Market / business activities</b> will continue till <b>08:00 pm</b> less essential services (Petrol Pumps, Pharmacies, Medical Facilities, Vaccination Centers, Milk / Dahi Shops and Tandoors).	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> August 21</b>
b.	<b>Closed Days</b>	There will be <b>2 x closed days</b> during a week. Choice of closed days will be at the discretion of federating units.	
c.	<b>Dining</b>	<b>Complete ban is imposed on indoor dining</b> ; however, <b>outdoor dining</b> will be allowed till <b>10:00 pm</b> under strict COVID protocols. Takeaways are <b>allowed 24/7</b> .	
d.	<b>Weddings</b>	<b>Indoor weddings will be banned with effect from 8<sup>th</sup> August 21</b> . Outdoor weddings will be <b>allowed with maximum 400 x guests</b> under strict COVID protocols. <b>Timings</b> for outdoor weddings will be till <b>10:00 pm</b> .	
e.	<b>Religious</b>	There will <b>complete closure of shrines</b> .	
f.	<b>Cinemas</b>	There will <b>complete closure of cinemas</b> .	
g.	<b>Gatherings</b>	<b>Ban is imposed</b> on all types of <b>indoor gatherings</b> including cultural, musical / religious / miscellaneous event; however, <b>outdoor gatherings</b> will be <b>allowed for maximum 400 x individuals</b> under strict COVID protocols.	
h.	<b>Sports</b>	Continuation of ban on contact sports ( <b>Karate, Boxing, Martial Arts, Rugby, Water Polo, Kabaddi &amp; Wrestling</b> ) will be ensured by federating units.	
i.	<b>Gyms</b>	<b>Continuation of indoor Gyms for vaccinated individuals only</b> .	
j.	<b>Office Routine</b>	Normal office working hours for public / private offices will continue; however, <b>attendance level</b> is reduced from <b>100% to 50 %</b> .	
k.	<b>Public Transport</b>	<b>Occupancy level</b> of public transport is reduced from <b>70% to 50%</b> . <b>Ban</b> is imposed on all type of <b>snacks serving</b> to the passengers during journey by the transport services.	
l.	<b>Railways</b>	Rail services will continue to operate with <b>70% occupancy</b> under strict COVID protocols.	
m.	<b>Recreation</b>	<b>Closure of amusement parks, water sports &amp; swimming pools</b> ; however, <b>public parks will remain open</b> under strict COVID protocols.	
n.	<b>Education</b>	Decision will be taken by Federal Education Ministry during <b>IPEMC</b> planned on <b>4<sup>th</sup> August 21</b> .	
o.	<b>Extended Lockdowns</b>	Broader lockdowns with stringent enforcement protocols based on risk assessment will continue. NCOC will regularly share heat maps with federating units for implementation of targeted <b>SLDs / mSLDs</b> .	

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p.	Mask Wearing	Compliance to <b>compulsory mask wearing</b> while <b>incorporating innovative measures</b> for enforcement.	
q.	Tourism	Policy of <b>controlled tourism</b> for <b>vaccinated individuals</b> will continue and will be ensured by federating units.	
r.	Meal / Snacks Serving during Domestic Air Travel	<b>Ban</b> is imposed on serving of meals / snacks during inflight journey for <b>domestic airlines</b> .	
s.	Inbound Passenger policy	<b>Current inbound passenger</b> policy will continue till further orders.	

3. Above mentioned **revised NPIs** will remain enforced from **3<sup>rd</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> August 21** for high disease prevalence cities. In order to afford **sufficient cushion time** for already **booked indoor wedding events**, **ban on indoor weddings** will start with effect from **8<sup>th</sup> August 21**.
4. Since, **Sindh Government** has imposed **stringent measures** in **Karachi** and **Hyderabad** till **8<sup>th</sup> August 21**; therefore, above mentioned **revised NPIs** will be applicable to **Karachi** and **Hyderabad** with effect from **9<sup>th</sup> August 21**.
5. **NPIs for Low Disease Prevalence Cities** (Cities other than as mentioned vide para 1 ante). **Current NPIs** already enforced with effect from **1<sup>st</sup> July 21** will further continue for **low disease prevalence cities**.
6. **NPIs review** will be carried out at NCOC on **25<sup>th</sup> August 21**.
7. A **close monitoring** of **disease prevalence / critical health care system** is being carried out at NCOC on daily basis and **necessary decisions** will be taken accordingly whenever deemed appropriate to control the disease spread.
8. All concerned are requested to **issue notifications at priority** and dissemination to all concerned, please.



  
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 Ministry of Interior  
 Ministry of Commerce & Industry  
 Ministry of Railways  
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