

MOST IMMEDIATE



**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY
HEALTHCARE DEPARTMENT**

Dated Lahore the 24th April, 2021

ORDER

NO. SO(G)/P&SHD/4-1/2021. WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 cases is on the rise in the Province of Punjab, positivity rate in some cities is constantly rising and third wave is looming, which poses a serious and imminent threat to public health. Hence, it is mandatory to take all possible safety measures for prevention and control of this disease in the Province of Punjab.

2. **AND WHEREAS**, in my opinion there are sufficient grounds to proceed under Section 4(c), 5(1)(e), 5(1)(f) of "The Punjab Infectious Diseases (Prevention and Control) Act 2020" as an immediate preventive and expeditious remedy and the directions hereinafter appearing are necessary to ensure public health, safety, control the spread of COVID-19 and conserve lives in the Province of Punjab.

3. **AND WHEREAS**, the declaration that COVID-19 represents a serious and imminent threat to public health throughout the Province of Punjab under Section 3(1) of the Act ibid has already been published in the Gazette after approval of the Chief Minister.

4. **NOW THEREFORE**, in exercise of powers under Sections 4(c), 5(1)(e), 5(1)(f) of "The Punjab Infectious Diseases (Prevention and Control) Act 2020", **I, Sarah Aslam, Secretary, Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department, Government of the Punjab, with the approval of Chief Minister, Punjab**, am pleased to order the following: -

- a. **Commercial Activities:** All commercial activities, establishments and areas throughout the province of Punjab shall be closed by 6:00 PM on weekdays and shall remain completely closed on weekends i.e., Saturday & Sunday (Friday & Saturday in 30 notified districts) except the following:

No.	Particulars	Time
1	All Medical Services & Pharmacies / Medical Stores, Bakeries, General / Karyana Stores, Milk / Meat / Fish / Chicken Shops, Tire puncture shops, Fruit & Vegetable shops, Tandoor, Atta chakkies, Postal / Courier services, Driver hotels, Petrol pumps, Oil depots, LPG outlets & filling plants, Agriculture machinery workshops and spare parts / batteries shops, Printing press, Tailor / Barber shops, Call centers (with 50% staff and no public dealing), Takeaway / Home Delivery from restaurants, Cellular companies & franchises and Money exchange companies	(24 hours a day, 7 days a week)

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- a. **Weddings / Functions:** There shall be complete ban on indoor weddings throughout the province and all types of Marriage Halls, Community Centers, Marquees and Event Halls shall remain closed. Furthermore, outdoor weddings shall also remain banned in **Bahawalpur, Bhakkar, Dera Ghazi Khan, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Jhang, Kasur, Lahore, Multan, Okara, Rawalpindi, Rahim Yar Khan, Sargodha and Sheikhpura**, being cities with positivity ratio higher than 8%.
 - b. **Restaurants:** There shall be complete ban on Indoor and outdoor dining throughout the province and only takeaway / home delivery shall be allowed.
 - c. **Amusement Parks:** Amusement parks throughout the province shall remain closed, however, walking / jogging tracks shall remain open subject to strict adherence of COVID-19 SOPs.
 - d. **Mask Wearing:** All Citizens shall use face covering in public spaces throughout the province.
 - e. **50% Work from Home & Office timings:** All Public / Private offices and establishments throughout the province shall operate from **9:00 AM**

till 2:00 PM and follow the policy of Work from home for 50% of their staff.

- f. **Cinemas:** All Cinemas / Theatres shall remain closed throughout the province.
- g. **Shrines:** All Shrines / Mazaars shall remain closed in **Bahawalpur, Bhakkar, Dera Ghazi Khan, Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Jhang, Kasur, Lahore, Multan, Okara, Rawalpindi, Rahim Yar Khan, Sargodha and Sheikhpura**, being cities with positivity ratio higher than 8%.
- h. **Large Gatherings:** There shall be complete ban of all types of indoor and outdoor gatherings throughout the province.
- i. **Sports, Festivals, Cultural and other events:** There shall be complete ban on sports, festivals, cultural, social and other events throughout the province.
- j. **Intercity public transport:** All types of intercity public transport shall operate at 50% of total capacity.
- k. **Rail service:** Rail service shall operate at 70% of capacity.
- l. **Inter provincial public transport:** All types of inter provincial public transport shall remain closed for two days (Saturday & Sunday) except Goods / freight, medical and other emergency services.

5. **Industrial and Agricultural activities and establishments shall remain exempt from operation of this order.**

6. District administration and Police shall work in close liaison to ensure strict implementation of this order.

7. This order shall come into force immediately within territorial limits of Punjab and shall remain in force till **17th May 2021**.

8. This order shall be given wide publicity in official Gazette, Daily Newspapers and broadcasting through Radio Pakistan, Pakistan Television and other TV Channels as news item for information of the general public.



**SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY
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A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to the: -

1. Chief Secretary, Punjab.
2. Inspector General of Police, Punjab
3. Senior Member Board of Revenue / Relief Commissioner, Punjab.
4. Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Punjab.
5. Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab.
6. Principal Secretary to Governor, Punjab.
7. Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore.
8. All Administrative Secretaries in the Punjab.
9. Secretary, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department.
10. Secretary, Information Department, Punjab with the request to give wide publicity to this order in print and electronic media as news item.
11. All Divisional Commissioners in Punjab.
12. Capital City Police Officer, Lahore.
13. All Regional Police Officers in Punjab.
14. Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Punjab.
15. All Deputy Commissioners in Punjab
16. All City/District Police Officers in Punjab
17. Superintendent, Government Printing Press, Punjab, Lahore with the request to ensure publication of this order in Official Gazette



SECTION OFFICER (GENERAL)