

**Office of the Secretary (Revenue)/
Member Secretary (SEC & SDMA)
Government of Goa
Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa 403 521**

No. 1/5/29/2020-RD/22

Dated: 23/01/2022

ORDER

WHEREAS, World Health Organization designated SARS-CoV-2 variant: B.1.1.529 (Omicron) as the Variant of Concern;

WHEREAS, the number of COVID-19 cases being reported in Goa are high, and the situation might further aggravate if public gatherings and active interactions is permitted unrestricted;

WHEREAS, the State Task Force examined the recommendations of the Expert Committee, the number of hospitalisation vis a vis Covid positive cases is low, although the number of positive cases are still high;

WHEREAS, in order to contain the spread of the said pandemic, certain measures were undertaken and restrictions were imposed under the Disaster Management Act 2005 by the order dated 29/12/2021, under the Epidemic Act, 1897 by the order dated 08/01/2022, by the Election Commission of India by the order 15/01/2022, which has been further extended with some modification;

WHEREAS, considering the prevailing situation, certain restrictions and measures are required to be continued, modified and consolidated to prevent the further spread of the disease;

AND WHEREAS the State Government is satisfied that the State of Goa still faces threat of the spread of COVID-19 virus, and therefore it is necessary to take certain emergency measures to prevent and contain the spread of virus, the Government in exercise of the powers conferred under various provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, it is expedient to enforce certain measures throughout the State till further order.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Disaster management Act, 2005, the undersigned has been directed to convey that following activities/establishment/facilities/events shall be restricted, till further order:

1. Casinos may operate only upto 50 % of its capacity, subject to adherence to all Covid safety protocols, including use of masks,

sanitisers, thermal screening etc. However, entry shall be permitted for the asymptomatic guests or staff who:

- i. are fully vaccinated and possessing a vaccination certificate of both doses of Covid-19 vaccine issued through CoWIN portal, provided 15 days have elapsed since administration of the second dose of such vaccine,

OR

- ii. possess RT-PCR negative reports for the test conducted not prior to 24 hours from the time of entry,

2. Cinema hall/river cruises/waterparks /entertainment parks shall not operate beyond 50% of the seating capacity;

3. Place of public amusement, including Spa, Massage parlour, restaurant, pub, bar, hall, auditorium, gym, marriage venue, cinema halls, river cruises, waterparks, entertainment parks, to adhere to all Covid safety protocols, including use of masks, sanitisers, thermal screening etc. However, entry shall be permitted for the asymptomatic guests or staff who:

- i. are fully vaccinated and possessing a vaccination certificate of both doses of Covid-19 vaccine issued through CoWIN portal, provided 15 days have elapsed since administration of the second dose of such vaccine,

OR

- ii. possess Covid negative test report for the test conducted not prior to 24 hours from the time of entry,

Owner/manager/licensee/organiser of such premises/functions shall be responsible for the enforcement of the above restrictions, including making necessary arrangements for the verification;

4. Schools shall be closed for students till 15/02/2022, however teachers to attend schools for conducting online classes;

5. Colleges and other institutions of higher educations shall be closed for students till 15/02/2022 except for the conduct of examinations, however teachers to attend schools for conducting online classes;

6. The Health department and Directorate of Education/other school authorities shall endeavor to complete vaccination of children from 15 to 18 years of age as soon as possible;

7. Public gatherings in case of indoor halls/auditoriums/community halls/mandaps/open spaces etc. shall be restricted to a maximum of 50% of the seating/venue capacity or as per the limit imposed by ECI, whichever is less;

8. Inter-state movement for persons except:
- a. Asymptomatic persons who are fully vaccinated possessing a vaccination certificate of both doses of COVID-19 vaccine issued through the COWIN portal, provided 15 days have elapsed since the administration of the said vaccine.
 - b. persons entering in Goa for medical emergencies on production of proof therefore,
 - c. two drivers and one helper per goods vehicle. However, the Police or the other authorities will have to scan such persons with the thermal guns to see whether they display any symptoms and if they display any symptoms then the Police or the other authorities should deny access to such persons within the State of Goa.
 - d. for those carrying Covid negative test reports for a test done a maximum of 72 hours prior to entering in Goa.

This order is issued in supersession of ibid order No. 1/5/29/2020-RD dated 29/12/2021 and other orders issued in this regard.

Any person contravening this order shall be punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

Issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.



(Sanjay Kumar)
Secretary (Revenue)
Member Secretary (SEC/SDMA)

To,

1. All Secretaries, Government of Goa,
2. Collector/Chairperson (DDMA), North-Goa,
3. Collector/Chairperson (DDMA), South-Goa,
4. All HoDs, Government of Goa.

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, to Hon'ble CM, Secretariat, Porvorim Goa
2. The Additional Secretary to Chief Secretary, Secretariat, Porvorim Goa
3. The Director, Information and Publicity for further necessary action.