



**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
HOME DEPARTMENT**

Karachi, dated the 10th May, 2020

ORDER

No: SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona: **Whereas** there is a declared pandemic of COVID-19 that has afflicted many countries including Pakistan which requires adequate steps to contain the spread of this disease. That in order to contain the disease the Government of Sindh imposed gradually increasing restrictions on social gatherings /crowds starting from 14th March, 2020. That in order to have a uniform lockdown strategy at National level an order of even number dated 2nd April, 2020 was issued as per coordination meetings of National Coordination Committee (NCC). Similarly certain decisions were taken about the lockdown during the meeting of NCC dated 07th May, 2020 after reviewing the overall situation including disease spread and economic effects of lockdown.

Whereas the Government of Sindh considers that it is necessary to have a uniform policy as also directed by the Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan in its order dated 04th May 2020 in Suo-Moto case no. 01/2020. Therefore as per decisions taken during the NCC meeting, after due consultations of federating units with the Federal Government at the NCC, certain businesses are allowed conditional to their following the SOPs against Covid-19 spread as the disease spread has not yet subsided but the economic impacts warrant controlled opening of businesses where the SOPs are strictly followed so as to contain the disease spread.

Now therefore in view of above considerations the Government of Sindh in exercise of powers under Section 3(1) of the Sindh Epidemic Diseases Act 2014 (The Sindh Act VIII of 2015), and in continuation of order of even number dated 14th April and 23rd April 2020, hereby directs as under:-

1. All restrictions/bans, timings and exceptions shall continue as per earlier Order number No: SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona dated 14th April, 2020 and continued vide Order of same number dated 23rd April, 2020. Accordingly, all the closures/bans, restrictions on movement from 5:00 pm to 8:00 am on all days, restrictions on movement by personal transport, declared essential services and permitted industries / businesses with applicable restrictions, as in these orders, shall continue with the exceptions as are given in this order.

A. Sectors that would continue to remain closed:-

- All industries / businesses not cleared for opening
- Shopping malls / Plazas
- Educational Institutions
- Offices not cleared for opening
- Marques, Marriage halls, Banquet halls, cinemas
- Public processions / gatherings/congregations of all nature at any place
- Organized events, sports, concerts etc.
- Restaurants, Hotels, Social Clubs (Except Home delivery which is permitted and driver hotels situated on highways)
- Entertainment areas, beaches, public parks.
- Public Transport (Intra-city, Inter-city, Inter-provincial)



B. Sectors that are open/ being opened subject to their strictly following the SOPs:-

(i). **Activities / businesses already permitted** vide earlier orders of even number dated 14th and 23rd April, 2020

(ii). **Construction activities** permitted with strict following of SOPs issued vide order No. SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona-SOP-Constr dated 14th April 2020 and dated 10th May 2020.

(iii). **Construction related manufacturing** permitted to start subject to the following of SOPs issued vide order No. SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona-SOP dated 14th April 2020.

- a) Pipe Mills (PVC and Steel)
- b) Electrical Cable and switchgear manufacturing
- c) Steel / Aluminum manufacturing including re-rolling mills
- d) Ceramic manufacturing
- e) Paint factories
- f) Carpenter / Furniture shops
- g) Real estate
- h) Retail shops related to construction manufacturing

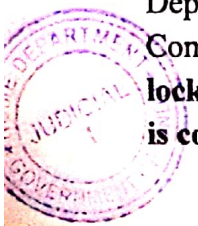
(iv). **Community Markets/ Retail outlets, Stand-alone /Neighborhood shops situated in residential localities** (excluding shops situated in shopping Malls, Plazas) subject to strictly following of SOPs issued vide Order. SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona-SOP-Retail dated 10th May 2020.

- a) The timings shall be from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Thursday.
- b) The following shall however continue to remain closed.

Barber shops/ Beauty Parlours/hair cutting saloon/Spas
Game centre/Videogames/Dabbu/Carrum/Pool Games shops
Gyms/Café/Sit-in-eatery
Also social clubs and parks

2. **Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays are declared as "Safe days" with 100% lockdown** except the essential like persons requiring emergency medical care, personnel of law enforcement agencies, Medical and allied staff, technical staff attending electricity, gas, water, sewerage related works and Municipal staff on duty, Goods transport, charity organizations limited personnel engaged in ration distribution / relief work in coordination with District Administration and Law Enforcement agencies, Postal/ Courier services, Milk shops selling dairy products, newspaper distribution, media persons, medical stores within or adjacent to hospitals. Moreover Grocery/General stores, bakeries, chicken/meat/fish shops, fruits/vegetable shops can remain open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

3. **Hotspots of Covid-19/ High risk neighbourhoods / areas** as declared by the Health Department / District Administration through an order by the Commissioner / Deputy Commissioner may continue with the strict restrictions as may be determined including strict lockdown and non-opening of non-essential shops/manufacturing in such area till the spread is contained



4. Responsible behaviour:-

While the gradual opening up of businesses and related activities is undertaken in line with the National guidelines as per decisions at NCC and for the sake of uniformity within country as also done by other provinces it becomes more of Public responsibility to comply with the distancing and preventive measures against Covid-19 spread. It requires care, concern, discipline and above all patience to conduct oneself in such situation of more opened-up activities when the cases show a rise. This calls for new life style and pattern of living as the definitive treatment or vaccine for the Corona virus causing Covid-19 is not yet available and may take many months to a year or more to become available. Thus, it calls for adjusting work, social and economic activities as per SOPs to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Thus It is of utmost importance that the general public in general and the owners / managers of shops / workplaces, businesses and manufacturing units in particular ensure adherence to General SOPs issued vide order No. SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona-SOPs dated 14th April, 2020 and other specific SOPs as are issued from time to time so that the disease spread is contained.

It is pertinent to declare that the Government of Sindh would continue to review the disease spread pattern periodically and in case of increased COVID-19 cases beyond the health facilities / capacity of health care systems the relaxation in lockdown may be reviewed and may be reversed or it may be further relaxed in case the disease is contained.

With the above advisory it is reiterated that any person / owner / manager engaged in any permissible activity/ operation found violating any of the instructions contained in the detailed order and SOPs as referred in this order shall be liable for action in accordance with law as per section 4 of Sindh Epidemic Diseases Act 2014. Any business unit/ shop/ store/ manufacturing or non-manufacturing unit found/reported violating the instructions/Standard of Operation Procedures, shall be proceeded against in accordance with law and may have the permission given to them during Covid-19 emergency suspended immediately and such work places may be closed.


Secretaries of respective departments viz. Industries, Labour, Food/Food regulatory Authority, Health etc. 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.

A team of officers / inspectors of administration and /or duly authorized representatives of concerned departments under intimation to the Commissioner/ Deputy Commissioner concerned, industries and labour department duly authorized by Deputy Commissioners or Secretaries concerned may check the place any time for compliance of directions issued by Government.

Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Labour Officer concerned as well as personnel of Law Enforcement Agencies not below the rank of Inspector Police (or of equivalent rank for other Law Enforcement Agencies are empowered under Section 3(1) of the said Act to take any legal action on any act in 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.

This order shall come into force at once and shall remain in force till 31st May, 2020.



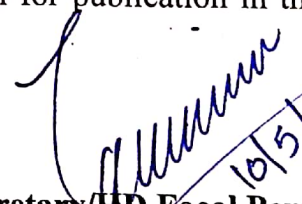

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8. The Inspector General of Police Sindh, Karachi.
9. The Commissioner (all) in Sindh.
10. The Additional Inspector General of Police, Karachi/Hyderabad/Sukkur.
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