



**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
HOME DEPARTMENT**

Karachi, dated the 10th August, 2020

ORDER

No: SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona: In view of the decline in Covid-19 cases, though the disease is still prevalent and likely to increase if no adequate precautions are taken, the businesses have been allowed subject to strict following of the precautions against the spread of disease and resulting deaths. Further, in view of the discussions and decisions at National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) and National Coordination Committee (NCC) wherein it was felt to allow economic activities to lessen the economic burden on population to the maximum possible extent while following precautionary measures against the spread of Corona virus causing disease (Covid-19) and resulting deaths. The government of Sindh with some difference of opinion on opening up agreed as per majority of federating units opinion which is also in line with Honorable Supreme Court orders dated 13th April 2020 and 4th May 2020 in Suo Moto case 01/2020.

Now, therefore in exercise of powers Under Section 3(1) of the Sindh Epidemic Diseases Act 2014 (The Sindh Act VIII of 2015) the Government of Sindh orders opening of the following closed / restricted activities with effect from 10th August, 2020 unless otherwise specified against that activity with the condition that all related measures against Covid-19 spread are put in place before opening.

A. The following are allowed to open subject to strict adherence to SOPs:-

- i. Educational/ Training institutes – 15th September.
- ii. Marriage Hall, Business Centers, Expo Halls – 15th September
- iii. Non-contact sports, sports clubs, Gyms, sports facilities.
- iv. Sporting tournament, indoor and outdoor (without spectators)
- v. Hotels, Restaurants, Cafés including takeaway & Home delivery as well as Home catering Services
- vi. Parks and Grounds
- vii. Beauty Parlors and Spas
- viii. Cinemas and Theatres
- ix. Permitted / licensed gatherings / Shrines
- x. Tourism / Tourist Hotels
- xi. Public Transport with SOPs
- xii. Social clubs with SOPs as applicable to respective permissible activities

The Divisional Commissioner's along with their respective Deputy Commissioner's or their duly authorized government functionaries along with Law Enforcing Agency heads at Divisional/District level shall hold meetings with the representative Association / owners of businesses and "Gaddi-Nasheen" / "Mutawali" of shrines managed by private persons to ensure that these activities are opened with due focus on SOPs for preventing Covid-19 spread otherwise may be closed.

The Provincial Government / District Administration, by an order, may restrict all/any activity/area which is identified as the hotspot / high risk for the spread of COVID-19.

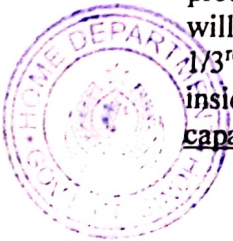
B. Work days and timings shall be as under:-

- **Business** timings shall be Six days per week (with one day off on Friday or Sunday, as applicable to that area except pharmacies and essential services) from Morning to Evening (6:00 am to 8:00 pm except Saturday when the businesses may remain open till 9:00 pm).
- **Restaurant & Cafes** etc. – all days of week (with restricted dine-in as per SOPs) as follows:
 - i) Limited Customer dine-in (mornings to 10:00 pm, last order/customer to be taken by 9:00 pm Except Saturday for which its morning to 11:00 pm & last order/customer allowed by 10:00 pm)
 - ii) Take away - morning to 10:00 pm on Sunday to Friday and up-to 11:00 pm on Saturday only.
 - iii) Home Delivery - morning till midnight i.e. 12:00 am.

C. Adoption of SOPs and all related measures:-

It is reiterated that the disease has decreased but is not over yet. That any carelessness is likely to cause increase in spread. That prevention remains the only measure against the disease till a cure or vaccine becomes available. It is further reiterated that the above listed activities carry high risk of spread therefore strict adherence to SOPs is required for which owners/managers/Persons In charge shall be responsible and any violation will be liable for action in accordance with law including closure of that activity/ unit where violations occur. Specific SOPs are separately issued for any particular activity. However, following are specifically mentioned for ready reference. Detailed SOPs issued by Departments / Directions by respective Divisional Commissioners or Departmental Secretaries issued separately as well as General SOPs for workplaces/workspaces issued earlier by Home Department, Government of Sindh vide SO(Jud-I)HD/8-1(04)/2020-Corona-SOPs dated 14th April 2020 to be followed in letter & spirit.

- i. Avoid all places with potential of crowding and, where absolutely essential to attend, strictly observe wearing of face mask, hand hygiene and social distancing protocols.
- ii. Wearing of Face Masks is mandatory whenever coming out to any public place. (Mask can be taken off at permitted eating places for the duration of meals and put-on back again earliest)
- iii. Keeping distance of over 3 feet between persons (customers/staff/visitors) at all times.
- iv. Frequent hand washing or use of proper hand sanitizer by customers/visitors/staff.
- v. Screening of staff/ visitors / customers with thermal guns.
- vi. Owner/Manager/In charge of business concern / facility shall be responsible to ensure provision of all required facilities/measures, masks, hand washing facilities and hand sanitizers.
- vii. Staff / Service providers to be covid tested initially and then regularly screened on daily basis.
- viii. Entry / service to symptomatic (fever, cough or flu like symptoms) is to be denied.
- ix. Customers/visitors are to be denied entry/service who are not wearing face masks.
- x. Since many of these activities involve gathering of many people at any point in time, recourse to online/telephonic interaction be used as much as is possible.
- xi. Advance booking/appointment is to be used to avoid rush.
- xii. Queuing with marks on floor and direction boards/signs are to be deployed with separate/timed entry and exit of staff/customers/visitors.
- xiii. Where **seating arrangement** is involved it is to be ensured that seating is at a distance of over three feet between the occupants. Wherever fixed seats are installed then clear markings/ placement of appropriate objects to indicate its unavailability should be ensured.
- xiv. All the **closed spaces** should have the limited number of persons allowed inside, under Covid protocols for distancing (i.e the capacity calculated while ensuring that the occupants of that space will be maintaining distance of over three feet between them all the time) which comes to around 1/3rd of normal capacity shall be displayed prominently at the entrance and no extra person allowed inside at any cost. (Businesses/concerns/shrines with spaces/halls/rooms to display both "Normal capacity = 'abc'" and the "Capacity under Covid-19 situation = 'xyz'")



- xv. No procession / gathering is allowed which are not licensed or given permission in advance including religious as well as National days like 14th August etc rallies/ processions / gatherings. Similarly 'Urs' related activities at shrines will be limited to performing essential rituals with limited number of persons/ administration. Restrictions on general public as applicable to closed spaces for limited number of persons allowed shall remain applicable during 'Urs' days within shrine/'mazar' premises and no extra activities like 'shows' / events or bazars will be held / established.
- xvi. Wherever any place/surface/item/artifact/object/thing is touched or used by any individual the same is required to be properly wiped clean / disinfected with chlorine solution / proper disinfectant after every use. Dedicated staff is to be deputed to ensure this. If it is not possible to ensure disinfection after every contact/exposure then such part of facility / portion/ equipment/place must be closed for public by placing proper barrier/cover.
- xvii. Staff must wash hands frequently and properly before attending any visitor/customer.
- xviii. There shall be display of SOPs adopted by the concern at the entrance for customers/inspectors.
- xix. There shall also be display through banners/panaflex highlighting guidelines/directions for the staff and customers to follow/adopt.
- xx. Surprise checks /inspections will be conducted with random covid testing of Staff/ Service providers.

If must be reiterated that a more strict adherence to SOPs is required than ever before to contain the disease while more activities / businesses are being allowed/opened.

Any person / owner/ manager engaged in any permissible activity/ operation found violating any of the instructions contained in this order including SOPs issued by the Government shall be liable for action in accordance with law as per section 4 of Sindh Epidemic Disease Control Act 2014. Any business unit/ shop/ store/ manufacturing or non-manufacturing unit found/reported violating the above instructions/Standard of Operation Procedures, shall 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, Transport, Local Government, Sports, Auqaf, Excise, Culture and other relevant departments 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 to allow that which is not permitted or disallow the 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 **Special Inspection team** of consisting of officers / inspectors consisting of representatives of district Administration and concerned department along with Law enforcement personnel duly authorized by respective District/Divisional or Departmental heads may check the place at any time for compliance of the directions & SOPs issued.

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 from immediately and shall remain in force till 15th September, 2020.




(DR. MUHAMMAD USMAN CHACHAR)
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY (HOME)

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10/08/2020
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