



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Disaster Management Department - Advisory for flower traders and participants of flower arrangements for the onam season - Clarification- Orders issued

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**DISASTER MANAGEMENT (A)DEPARTMENT**

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Read 1 Circular No. DMA2/577/2020-DMD dated 26/08/2020.

2 Letter No.31/F2/2020 H&FWD dated 27/08/2020 from Health and Family Welfare Department.

**ORDER**

Some ambiguities regarding flowers trading and flower arrangement related to the Onam celebration have come to notice. The following clarifications are issued by taking the prevailing epidemic and safety of people into consideration. In partial modification of reference 1 cited, the flower vendors from outside Kerala are permitted in Kerala during the Onam festival period. They shall strictly adhere to the following advisory.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Advice</b>
Freight transporters of flowers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shall wear mask and practice frequent hand washing</li> <li>• Practice cough and sneeze hygiene</li> <li>• Wash hands with soap and water after handling flowers and packages</li> <li>• Shall ensure that they do not mix with other traders and florists unnecessarily</li> <li>• The package of the flowers should be disposed of properly and immediately do hand wash</li> </ul>

Traders & Florists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shall wear mask and practice frequent hand washing</li> <li>• Shall ensure that physical distancing, wearing of mask are practiced by buyers and staff</li> <li>• Practice cough and sneeze hygiene</li> <li>• Wash hands after touching and handling flowers and packages</li> <li>• Prefer cashless transactions</li> <li>• The package of the flowers should be disposed of properly and immediately do hand wash</li> </ul>
Participants of flower arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As far as possible it is better to avoid congregation</li> <li>• Shall wear mask and practice frequent hand washing</li> <li>• Shall maintain physical distancing while doing flower arrangements and shall take turns rather than doing it collectively at the same time</li> <li>• Materials should not be shared between the participants</li> <li>• The package of the flowers should be disposed of properly and immediately do hand wash.</li> </ul>

All formalities such as registration in e-Jagratha to be followed up by the traders and transporters. Any symptomatic person should immediately call DISHA 1056 for advice.

(By order of the Governor)  
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