



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Disaster Management Department- Covid 19-Surge in positive cases -  
Restrictions for the effective containment of Covid 19-further orders -issued

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**DISASTER MANAGEMENT(A)DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Rt)No.383/2021/DMD** Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 26/04/2021

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- Read 1.GO(Rt)No.364/2021/DMD dated 13/04/2021  
2.GO(Rt)No.371/2021/DMD dated 17/04/2021  
3.GO(Rt)No.375/2021/DMD dated 19/04/2021  
4.GO(Rt)No.378/2021/DMD dated 21/04/2021

**ORDER**

The State is witnessing an alarming surge in Covid 19 cases in all the districts as part of the second wave of the pandemic, in spite of the best efforts of the Government to contain the spread of the disease. The rise in TPR and positive cases is steady in most districts for about a week now. Several measures have already been initiated to contain the spread of the pandemic. However,it has been assessed that further containment measures are necessary.

In the above backdrop, there is an urgent need to curtail the spread of the disease in the community through tougher restrictions without affecting economic activities and livelihoods. The Covid 19 case numbers should be managed well below the coping capacity (surge threshold) of the health system (public and private) in the State so that the pandemic is under control. For this, more stringent restrictions are warranted and these shall be put in place as follows:

1. In religious places, people can be allowed for worship with two meter social distance restricted to a maximum of 50 persons.
2. All meetings (Government / Private) should be held through on-line mode only.
3. Cinema Halls, Malls, Gymnasiums, Clubs, Sports Complexes, Swimming Pools, Entertainment Parks and Bars shall remain shut, until further orders.
4. Only election related counting arrangements, essential and emergency services shall be allowed on 1<sup>st</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021. Officials on Election Duty, Candidates, Counting Agents and Media representatives only

will be allowed (at the counting centres) on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021. It is mandatory for the above category of people to produce either the final vaccination certificate after taking two doses of vaccination or a negative RT-PCR test report obtained within 72 hours of the start of counting.

5. All social, political ,cultural and religious functions/ gatherings are prohibited until further orders.

6. Only essential services and emergency services will be permitted on Saturdays and Sundays. Saturdays will remain a holiday for all Government / Quasi Government offices and Public Sector Undertakings, until further orders.

7. A maximum of fifty persons shall be allowed in marriages (Duration of about 2 hours). Marriage events should be registered in the 'Event Registration' module of Covid 19 Jagratha Portal in advance. The maximum number of persons who can take part in funerals is limited to twenty.

8. Shops and restaurants shall be closed by 7.30 P.M. (take away and home delivery can continue till 9 P.M.). All shops/restaurants shall minimise interaction with customers/in-house dining. Only bare minimum time will be allowed for the customers in shops. Takeaways and home deliveries may be encouraged.

9. Control Room for migrant labourers shall be set up in all Districts. Migrant workers will continue to work wherever they are.

10. It is also clarified that all primary sector activities including agriculture,plantation, animal husbandry, dairying, fisheries, forestry etc, all secondary sectors like industries, MSMEs, etc and constructions shall continue following Covid protocol and national directives. Where feasible, work- from-home shall be resorted to.

11. MGNREGS works may continue following Covid protocol.

12. All departments shall function only with essential staff which would be determined by the Secretary/ HoD.

13. Essential services like Health, Revenue, Disaster Management, Police, LSGD , Labour ,Food and Civil Supplies shall function without any exemption.

This order shall come into force on 27.04.2021.

(By order of the Governor)

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**CHIEF SECRETARY**

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The Commissioner, Disaster Management, Thiruvananthapuram

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