

Government of Punjab  
Department of Home Affairs and Justice

To

1. All Administrative Secretaries;
2. Director General of Police, Punjab.
3. All Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners in the State;
4. All Range IGP/CP/ DIGs/ SSPs in the State.

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Dated, Chandigarh, the 31/03/2020

Subject : Review of COVID-19 preparedness by the Hon'ble CM and New Instructions.

The preparedness for prevention of spread of Corona virus was reviewed by the Hon'ble CM with the group of Ministers, and concerned officers at 03:00 pm on 30/03/2020. Based on discuss on the following new directions are being issued for compliance by District Authorities:-

1. District Magistrates to extend curfew beyond 31/3/2020 and upto 14/4/2020. The relaxations already granted will continue.
2. Post office and courier services to be allowed to operate.
3. Employees of Punjab Health and Medical Education Department to be allowed to work on the basis of their department ID-cards i.e. they will not require curfew passes.
4. Similarly all doctors of private hospitals/ nursing homes/ diagnostic laboratories to be allowed without curfew passes on the basis of their Photo ID-card issued by the Punjab Medical/ Dental Council or IMA. Other employees of private nursing homes to be granted bulk curfew passes on the request of administrator of the hospital concerned.
5. Patients to be allowed to go to all hospitals including private hospitals, nursing homes and diagnostic laboratories on the basis of patient cards/ prescription slips issued by the hospitals and nursing homes. New patients may be allowed movement against e-pass. However, patients in serious condition be allowed to go to hospitals without any pass or card.

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6. Drug dependent persons may be allowed to visit OOAT/ De-addiction centers on the basis of the prescription slip/ card issued by the centers.
7. Banks and ATMs may allowed to operate for the entire week as against two days a week allowed earlier subject to the condition that social distance norms are maintained.
8. Any persons entering into the state from other states to be (i) home quarantined, if asymptomatic. (ii) to be hospital quarantined or to be kept in isolation ward, if symptomatic; as per the guidelines of the Health Department (enclosed). Protocol followed for foreign travelers to be applicable to these persons.

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**SOP for categorization of Passengers for COVID-19 coming from China, Democratic Republic of Korea, France Germany, Spain, Italy, Iran for Airport Screening**

**Categorization for passengers coming from Health Counters**

**Categories the passengers into A,B,C**

**Category A (High Risk)-** A passenger with fever, cough, shortness of breath with a history to travel to or residence in a country/area or territory reporting local transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset.

OR

A patient with any acute respiratory illness AND having been in contact with a COVID-19 case in the last 14 days prior to onset of symptoms;

**Action:-** Segregated from other passengers and sent for Isolation.

**Category B (Moderate Risk)-** A asymptomatic passenger coming from China, Democratic Republic of Korea, France Germany, Spain, Italy, Iran and elderly (above 60 years), Hypertensive, Diabetic, Asthmatic.

**Action:-** To be shifted by State Government to a dedicated quarantine facility and monitored daily by State Government for next 14 days. In case they develop symptoms, they should be isolated.

**Category C (Low Risk)-** A asymptomatic passenger coming from any COVID-19 affected country including passengers coming from China, Democratic Republic of Korea, France Germany, Spain, Italy, Iran.

**Action:-** Kept under Home Quarantine and will be monitored by IDSP network for 14 days, if they develop Fever/ Cough/ Difficulty in breathing within 14 days after return from COVID-19 affected countries should immediately call a National helpline (011-23978046) for further management.