

**URGENT CIRCULAR**

Sub: HM & FW Dept. - Containment, Control and Prevention of spread of COVID - 19 - Lock down till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 in the State of Andhra Pradesh - Notification under Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 - Circular instructions issued - Reg.

Ref: GO.Rt.No.209 of the Health, Medical & FW Dept. Dt.22.03.2020.

The Government has issued notification under section 234 of Epidemic Deceases Act 1897 and issued following measures to ensure that such a lockdown will come into force with immediate effect across the state of Andhra Pradesh up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020:

- i. No public transport including inter-state transport services shall be permitted. The exception will include transport of all kinds to and fro from hospitals, airports & railway stations etc.
- ii. All non-essential commercial shops shall be shutdown.
- iii. All non-essential offices, factories, workshops, go-downs etc. if operated should do so with skeletal staff.
- iv. All foreign returnees are directed to remain under strict home quarantine for a period of 14 days or as advocated by local Health Authorities (Collectors to monitor and update on online portal).
- v. Police will ensure Beat Vigilance System regarding all foreign returnees across the state. For this, police should take help of Mahila Samrakshna Karyadarshi (mahilapolice).
- vi. General public are required to stay at home and come out only for basic services while strictly following social distancing (2m distance between individuals) guidelines issued earlier.
- vii. Any congregation of more than 10 persons is prohibited in public places.
- viii. A 100 bedded Quarantine / Isolation facility should be established at each assembly constituency level.
- ix. Each district headquarters shall have 200-300 bed Tertiary Care Treatment facility dedicated for COVID-19 treatment in coordination with private sector.
- x. Collectors will maintain strict vigilance on essential commodities and medicines. Clear advertisements regarding rates & stocking in this regard shall be communicated and any violation by individuals/establishments shall be dealt strictly under relevant provisions of the IPC. A toll free number should be set up by District Collectors for complaints in this regard.
- xi. Farmers and individuals involved in production of food grains/essential commodities will be allowed to take up their activities by maintaining social distancing norms.

The following establishments providing essential services shall be excluded from the above restrictions:

- a. Offices charged with law and order and magisterial duties
  - i. Collector
  - ii. Joint Collector
  - iii. Sub Collector /RDO
  - iii. Tahsildar/MRO
- b. Police, Health, Urban Local Bodies, Fire, Electricity, Water and Municipal Services, Bank/ATM, Print, Electronic and Social Media.
- c. Food, Groceries, Milk, Bread, Fruit, Vegetable, Meat, Fish and their transportation related activities and warehousing.
- d. Hospitals, Pharmacies, Optical stores, Pharmaceuticals manufacturing and their transportation related activities



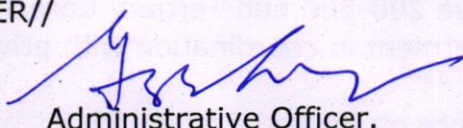
- e. Telecom & Internet Services including IT & ITeS, Postal services
- f. Supply chain and related transportation of essential goods
- g. e-Commerce (delivery) of all essential goods including food, pharmaceutical and medical equipment
- h. Take away/ home delivery restaurants and hotels.
- i. Petrol pumps, LPG gas, Oil agencies, their go-downs and transportation related activities.
- j. Production and Manufacturing Units which require continuous process may continue to function, after obtaining required permission from the Collector.
- k. Manufacturing units engaged in production of essential commodities
- l. Private establishments that support the above services or are linked to the efforts for containment of COVID-19 will remain open.

District Collectors, Joint Collectors, Police Commissioners, SPs, Municipal Commissioners, Sub Collectors, RDOs, DM&HOs, Tahsildars and MPDOs are authorized to take all necessary actions for enforcement and implementation of the aforesaid measures. Local police shall render necessary assistance as and when requisitioned by the afore mentioned officers.

Any person found violating the containment measures; shall deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860). Strict compliance with aforementioned measures is warranted.

In view of the order of the Government, all the District Officers are instructed to ensure that the above measures are to be implemented strictly, any violation will be viewed seriously and action will be taken on the persons concerned. A copy of the notification is enclosed for ready reference.

//BY ORDER//

  
Administrative Officer.

**Sd/- D.Muarlidhar Reddy**  
**District Collector**  
**East Godavari::Kakinada.**

To

All the District Officers/ Sub Collectors/ RDOs in the District  
All the Municipal Commissioners in the District.  
All the Tahsildars and MPDOs in the District.