

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

HM&FW Department - Containment, Control and Prevention of Spread of COVID-19
- Notification - Issued.

HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (B2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 202

Dated: 18-03-2020

Read the following

1. G.O.Rt.No.189, HM&FW (B2) Deptt., dt. 13.3.2020
2. Memo No. 26022(33)/17/2020-B, dt. 13.3.2020
3. D.O.No.Z-21020/14/2020-PH, Dt: 16.3.2020 from the Secretary, Health, GOI.

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World Health Organization (WHO) has declared recent Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic affecting all the regions of the world as Pandemic. WHO also classified risk assessment as Very High at the Global level. In this context, Andhra Pradesh has strengthened the surveillance for containment, control and prevention of COVID-19.

2. Whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh to empower certain officers of the State Government to take all such measures as may be necessary to contain spread of the said Virus in the State and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section-2, 3 and 4 of Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 issued "the Andhra Pradesh Epidemic Disease COVID-19 Regulations 2020." Vide G.O. 2nd read above.

3. To effectively enforce the Regulations regarding COVID-19 read with all the enabling provisions in continuation of instructions issued earlier vide reference 1,2 read above, Government hereby issue the following instructions to prevent and contain spread of COVID-19 in the State of Andhra Pradesh:

I. Educational Institutions:

a. All educational, training, coaching (Schools /Colleges / Universities) institutions shall be closed with immediate effect up to 31.03.2020. All hostels and boarding facilities for students / trainees should be evacuated immediately and arrangements should be made for sending students / trainees to their respective homes under due precautions. Students should be advised to stay at home. Wherever possible Institutions should make provision for online classes for continuity purposes.

b. wherever exams are going on, the same should be conducted as per schedule and students should be send home immediately post completion of schedule.

c. Physical distancing of 1.00 meter should be maintained between students in ongoing examinations.

d. Students who are suffering from fever, cold and cough should be made to write examinations in separate rooms.

II. Social Distancing Measures:

Social distancing is a non-pharmaceutical infection prevention and control intervention implemented to avoid/decrease contact between those who are infected with a disease causing pathogen and those who are not, so as to stop or slow down the rate and extent of disease transmission in a community. This eventually leads to decrease in spread, morbidity and mortality due to the disease.

All proposed interventions shall be in force till 31st of March, 2020. They will be reviewed as per the evolving situation. The following interventions are directed:

1. Private sector organizations/employers are encouraged to allow employees

- to work from home wherever feasible.
2. Meetings, as far as feasible, shall be done through video conferences. Minimize or reschedule meetings involving large number of people unless necessary.
 3. Restaurants to ensure handwashing protocol and proper cleanliness of frequently touched surfaces. Ensure physical distancing (minimum one metre) between tables; encourage open air seating where practical with adequate distancing,
 4. Keep already planned weddings to a limited gathering, postpone all non-essential social and cultural gatherings.
 5. Local authorities to have a dialogue with organizers of sporting events and competitions involving large gatherings and they may be advised to postpone such events.
 6. Local authorities to have a dialogue with opinion leaders and religious leaders to regulate mass gatherings and should ensure no overcrowding/at least one metre distance between people. Page 1 of 2
 7. Local authorities to have meeting with trader's Associations and other stakeholders to regulate hours, exhibit Do's and Don'ts and take up a communication drive in market places like sabzi mandi, anaj mandi, bus depots, railway stations, post-offices etc., where essential services are provided.
 8. All commercial activities must keep a distance of one meter between customers. Measures to reduce peak hour crowding in markets.
 9. Non-essential travel should be avoided. Buses, Trains and aeroplanes to maximize social distancing in public transport besides ensuring regular and proper disinfection of surfaces.
 10. Hospitals to follow necessary protocol related with COVID-19 management as prescribed and restrict family/friends/children visiting patients in hospitals.
 11. Hygiene and physical distancing has to be maintained. Shaking hands and hugging as a matter of greeting to be avoided.
 12. Special protective measures for delivery men/ women working in online ordering services.
 13. Keep communities informed consistently and constantly.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Principal Secretary to Government, PR & RD Department.

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