

# ABSTRACT

Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) – Infection Prevention and Control – The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (Central Act No.3 of 1897) – Temporary Regulations – Notification - Issued.

### HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (P1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No. 150

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G.O.(Ms)No.97, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department, dated: 15.03.2020.

### **ORDER:**

Hon'ble Prime Minister in his address to the Nation on 19<sup>th</sup> March,2020 called for 'Janata Curfew' as a novel community based intervention for social distancing. This will be a prelude for sensitizing the public for mandatory social distancing measures to be implemented in case of a major Corona Virus Disease outbreak in India. Janata Curfew requires communities to implement self-imposed quarantine at home to prevent person to person transmission of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The Janata Curfew is from 7 .00 A.M. to 9.00 P.M. on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020 Sunday. During this time no person, barring those involved in providing essential services, should get out of their house. There is fear that after 9.00 P.M., people may come out in large numbers there by defeating the purpose of social distancing.

2. Hence, the following notification will be published in the <u>Tamil Nadu</u> <u>Government Gazette</u>:-

#### NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS the Hon'ble Prime Minister has required the Nation to implement self imposed quarantine at home to prevent person to person transmission of COVID-19 from 7.00 A.M. to 9.00 P.M. on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020;

WHEREAS it is feared that after 9.00 P.M. people may come out in large numbers thereby defeating the purpose of social distancing ;

AND WHEREAS it has been decided to continue the self imposed quarantine in the State upto 5.00 A.M. on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred under section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (Central Act 3 of 1897), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes temporary regulations for the period from 9.00 P.M. on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020 to 5.00 A.M. on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020 as follows:

- 1. Everyone shall stay at home and shall venture out of home only for basic essential needs.
- 2. Not more than 5 persons shall congregate at any public place.
- 3. All shops, commercial establishments, offices and factories, workshops, godowns etc., shall remain closed.
- 4. All foreign returnees are directed to remain under strict home quarantine.
- 5. No public transport services including operation of taxis, auto-rickshaws etc., are permitted.
- 6. The following establishment providing essential services shall be excluded from the above restrictions:
  - a. Revenue
  - b. Police
  - c. Health
  - d. Local Bodies
  - e. Fire
  - f. Electricity, Water and Municipal Services
  - g. Print, Electronic and Social Media
  - h. Telecom & Internet Services including IT & ITeS
  - i. Supply chain and related transportation
  - j. E-Commerce (delivery) of all essential goods including food, pharmaceutical and medical equipment.
  - Fruit. Food. Milk. Bread, k. Groceries. Fish and their Meat. Vegetable, activities transportation related and warehousing.
  - I. Hospitals, Chemist Stores, Optical Stores, Pharmaceuticals manufacturing and their transportation related activities.
  - m. Petrol pumps, LPG gas, Oil agencies, their godown and their transportation related activities.

- n. Production and manufacturing Units which require continuous process may continue to function, after obtaining required permission from the Collector.
- o. Manufacturing units engaged in production of essential commodities.
- p. Transport of all kinds to and from hospitals, airports, railway stations, bus terminals / bus stands.
- q. Private establishments that support the above services or are linked to the efforts for containment of COVID-19 shall remain open.

3. The District Collectors are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions for enforcement and implementation of the aforesaid measures. If there is any doubt as to whether a service establishment is essential or not, the Collector shall be the competent authority to decide. Local police shall render necessary assistance as and when requisitions are made by the aforementioned officers.

4. Any person found violating the containment measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860).

# (BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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