

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
ABSTRACT**

COVID-19 - The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897- LOCKDOWN - Orders - Issued.

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**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

G.O.Ms.No. 03/2020

Dated:23.03.2020

Read:

1. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897
2. The Disaster Management Act, 2005
3. Order under Section 144 of CrPC dated.21.03.2020 of District Magistrate, Puducherry
4. I.D.Note/Office Memorandum No.A.49011/12/2020/DPAR/CD(2) dated 21/03/2020 of DPAR, Puducherry.

Whereas the Government of Puducherry is satisfied that the Union Territory of Puducherry is threatened with the spread of Covid-19, which has already been declared as a pandemic by World Health Organization and it is therefore necessary to take certain further emergency measures to prevent and contain the spread of virus;

The Government in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, read with all other enabling provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, hereby notify the following measures in the entire UT of Puducherry with immediate effect till 31st March, 2020.

1. Residents shall stay at home and come out only for availing essential commodities / service by strictly observing social distancing norms. They shall not loiter around.
2. Any congregation of more than 5 persons in public places is prohibited
3. All state borders shall be sealed. However the movement of essential commodities and services shall continue unhindered.
4. Plying of private vehicle shall be restricted only to the extent of procuring essential commodities / services.
5. All public transport services, taxis, auto-rickshaws etc. will not be permitted. However, the vehicles involved in transport of essential commodities / essential service will continue to ply. Further, Intra city / town buses will ply but overcrowding shall be avoided. Furthermore, the transport of passengers for accessing emergency medical services shall be permitted.
6. Operation of all interstate bus and transport services including those by private operators shall stand suspended.
7. All shops, commercial establishments, offices, factories, workshops, godowns etc. shall close their operations. However, production and manufacturing units which require continuous process such as pharmaceuticals, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient etc. may function. Further, manufacturing units engaged in production of essential commodities like medicines, sanitary items, dal and rice mills, food and related units, dairy units, feed and fodder units etc. will continue to operate.



8. Religious institutions (temple, mosques, church and other denominations) will not be open for public. However, the religious ceremonies / rituals / poojas will be continued by the priests / religious heads.

9. The following shops/establishments providing essential goods and services shall be excluded from the above restrictions and continue to operate.

- (1) Banks/ATMs and related activities. BSNL, Post Office and other tele operators, all central Govt. offices related to essential services.
- (2) Print and electronic media
- (3) IT and ITeS, including telecom, postal and internet Services
- (4) Supply chain and transport of essential commodities
- (5) E-Commerce (delivery) of essential goods including food, pharmaceutical and medical equipment
- (6) Sale of food items, groceries, milk, bread, fruits, vegetables, eggs, meat, fish and their transportation and warehousing activities
- (7) Take-away/ home delivery at restaurants
- (8) Hospitals, optical stores, diagnostic centres, pharmaceuticals manufacturing and their transportation
- (9) Petrol pumps, LPG gas, oil agencies, their godowns and their related transport operations.
- (10) All security services including those provided by private agencies.
- (11) Private establishments that support the provisioning of essential services or the efforts for containment of COVID-19.
- (12) Intra city / Town Bus Services (They shall ensure norms of social distancing and avoid overcrowding).
- (13) Sanitary workers including those of Swachata Corporation.
- (14) Animal Husbandry and Animal Fodder.

10. The Govt. Departments/Offices/PSUs shall follow the instruction issued by Department Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Puducherry with respect to scaling down the operations. All the Government departments shall take definite measures to ensure that people do not gather or accumulate in large numbers.

11. Government offices, shops and establishments that are permitted to operate during the period shall ensure social adherence to the distancing. They shall also ensure proper sanitation in their premises and ensure availability of hand sanitizers/hand washing facilities.

12. All steps will be taken to ensure that there is no disruption in the supply of essential commodities / services to the people.


13. All pregnant women will continue to be monitored and suitable arrangements may be ensured by the Health Department for their institutional delivery.

14. All elective surgeries shall be re-scheduled in all private and Government hospitals to enhance the availability of health care facilities for COVID-19 patients.



15. All the District Collectors, Senior Superintendents of Police (Law & Order), Regional Administrators, Municipal / Commune Panchayat Commissioners and other competent authorities in respect of the concerned institutions, organizations and establishments are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary measures for enforcement and implementation of the aforesaid regulations and measures.

16. Any person, institution, organization violating any provision of these regulations shall be dealt under the provisions of The Epidemics Diseases Act 1897, The Disaster Management Act 2005.

  
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Secretary to Government  
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To

1. All Secretaries, Govt. of Puducherry.
2. The District Collector, Puducherry / Karaikal
3. All Head of Departments, Puducherry
4. The Sr. Superintendent of Police (Law & Order), Puducherry / Karaikal
5. The Regional Administrator, Mahe / Yanam.
6. The Director of Information & Publicity - to create wide publicity
7. The Sub Divisional Magistrate (North/South), Puducherry.
8. The Commissioners - Municipality  
(Pondicherry/Oulgaret/Mahe/Yanam).
10. The Commissioners - Commune Panchayats  
(Ariyankuppam/Bahour/Mannadipet/Nettapakkam/Villianur)

Copy to:

1. The Secretary (Information & Publicity), Puducherry - for wide publicity.
2. The PS to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Puducherry.
3. The PS to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry.
4. The PS to the Hon'ble Ministers of Puducherry.