



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Karnataka Government Secretariat
Vikasa Soudha
Bengaluru, dated 02.02.2021.

CIRCULAR

Sub: COVID 19 – Guidelines for social/ religious/ sports/ entertainment/ education/ cultural/ religious gathering-Regarding.

- Ref: 1) Order from Union Home Secretary, NO.40-3/2020-DM-I(A), dated:27-1-2021.
2) Letter from Principal Secretary, Dept. of Revenue , GoK, dated-29-1-2021.
3) Proceedings of the 70th meeting of State COVID-19– Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Dept. of Health & Family Welfare held on Sunday, 31st Jan-2021.
4) Advisory from Commissioner Health and Family Welfare Services for performing marriages/ events , dated:14.05.2020.

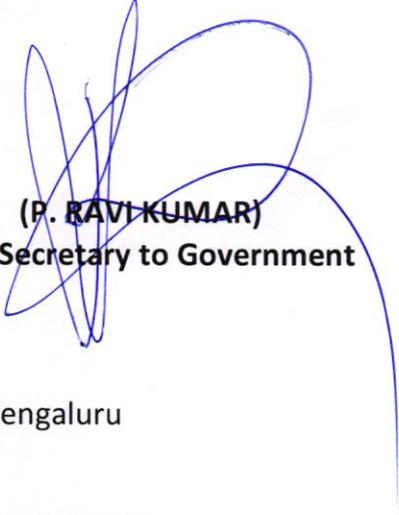
As the threat of Covid -19 pandemic is still not receded, but showing a declining trend in the recent times in the State , it would be prudent and advisable not to let the guard down and continue the Covid -19 precautions in public areas like compulsory face cover / face mask, adequate physical distance (at least one meter as far as possible), frequent use of hand sanitizer , soap and water for hand sanitation; thermal screening of persons for fever, recognizing symptomatic and testing them, etc.. To maintain physical distancing, the number of individuals that can be permitted in any given hall, stall/booth and toilet/ washroom at any particular time may be moderated such that the latest MHA/MoHFW guidelines on physical distancing are complied-with , which currently translates into a 3.25 sq. m per person in the halls. 1,000 sq. m hall should have a maximum of 376 persons; a 500 sq. m hall should have a maximum of 158 persons.

In suppression of pervious circulars/ advisories for conducting social/ cultural events and the number of persons that may be permitted at different places / activities shall be as follows:

1. **Social/Cultural events** – Marriages, Birthday celebration, Death ceremony, Cremation / Burial/ and other such events shall be conducted in such a way as to maintain physical distancing and preventing the spread of COVID-19 infection. For open and closed area @ 3.25 Sq. meter per person (1,000 sq. m. area should have a maximum of 376 persons; a 500 sq. m. area should have a maximum of 158 persons) a maximum limit of 500 persons is allowed for the above events.
2. **Swimming and sports events** – As per the guidelines of Ministry of Youth Affairs and sports, GOI , SOP issued vide dt.30th Jan. 2021 link - <https://yas.nic.in/sports/standard-operating-procedures-sop-and-guidelines-operation-swimming-pools>
3. **Cinemas** – It is now full seating capacity from 1st Feb. 2021 as per the guidelines of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Gol vide <https://mib.gov.in/sites/default/files/FINAL%20SOP%20for%20Exhibition%20of%20Films%20%281%29.pdf>
However, after reviewing the current scenario of COVID-19 and also considering the possible second wave of COVID-19, it has been decided that as **a matter of abundant precaution and in the larger interest of public health 50% capacity of seating in cinema halls shall continue till 28th of February 2021.**
4. **Offices and work places** – Wherever feasible work from home may continue. Otherwise full attendance is permissible. The shift system shall continue.
5. **Industries and commercial establishments** – Full attendance. The shift system shall however, continue.
6. **Shops and malls; multiplexes and entertainment parks** – Depending on the size of the place, entry shall be regulated to avoid crowding inside. Special events that attract crowds shall be avoided.
7. **In hotels and restaurants** – Not to exceed the full seating capacity
8. **Metro train** – As per Gol / not to exceed the prescribed capacity

- 9. Yoga centers and gymnasiums** – Not to exceed the permissible capacity (@3.25 sq. meter per person) for the hall. To avoid crowding, shift/rotation system shall be followed.
- 10.Schools and educational institutions** – Separate SOPs are being issued periodically by the respective departments after consultation with the Department of Health and Family Welfare.
- 11.For trade exhibitions, etc.** – The GoI guidelines for SOP for holding exhibitions to contain spread of COVID-19 vide link - <https://commerce.gov.in/whats-new/>
- 12.For special events** like elections, Aero India show, etc. specific guidelines are shall apply being issued by the respective departments in consultation with the Department of Health and Family Welfare.

In order to avoid crowding of people in public areas it is recommended that as far as possible event should be organized in a virtual mode and in open areas with good natural ventilation.


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