

प्रेषक,

मुख्य सचिव,
उत्तराखण्ड शासन
एवं मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी,
उत्तराखण्ड राज्य आपदा प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण।

सेवा में,

1. समस्त अपर मुख्य सचिव/प्रमुख सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
2. पुलिस महानिदेशक, उत्तराखण्ड।
3. समस्त सचिव/प्रभारी सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
4. आयुक्त, कुमाऊँ एवं गढ़वाल मण्डल।
5. समस्त जिलाधिकारी, उत्तराखण्ड।

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देहरादून, 25 दिसम्बर, 2021

विषय: कोविड-19 के New Variant (B.1.1.529) 'Omicron' के नियंत्रण हेतु दिशा-निर्देश के सम्बन्ध में।

महोदया/महोदय,

कोविड-19 के New Variant - B.1.1.529 - 'Omicron' को World Health Organization (WHO) ने Variant of Concern (VoC) घोषित किया है जो कि तेजी से फैलने की क्षमता रखता है।

इस सन्दर्भ में स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा दिनांक 21 दिसम्बर, 2021 को दिशा-निर्देश जारी किए गए हैं। उक्त दिशा-निर्देश के क्रम में राज्य सरकार द्वारा पूर्व में जारी अपने आदेश संख्या: 738/USDMA/792 (2020), दिनांक 30 नवम्बर, 2021 में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किए जाते हैं:-

1. स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा जारी दिशा-निर्देश दिनांक 21 दिसम्बर, 2021 (संलग्नक-01) के प्रावधानों का अनुपालन सभी सम्बन्धितों द्वारा किया जायेगा।
2. गृह मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा जारी आदेश संख्या-40-3/2020-DM-I(A) दिनांक 30 नवम्बर, 2021 (संलग्नक-02) के प्रावधानों का अनुपालन सभी सम्बन्धितों द्वारा किया जायेगा।
3. देश भर में 'Omicron' के बढ़ते हुए मामलों को देखते हुए जनपद के समस्त सार्वजनिक स्थानों, पर्यटक स्थलों, बाजार, बस स्टैंड, रेलवे स्टेशन, मण्डी, शॉपिंग मॉल एवं अन्य भीड़-भाड़ वाले स्थानों पर COVID Appropriate Behaviour जैसे कि सामाजिक दूरी, मास्क पहनना एवं हाथों को Sanitize करने आदि का कड़ाई से अनुपालन कराना सुनिश्चित किया जाएगा। उक्त का उल्लंघन करने पर संबंधित के विरुद्ध सख्ती से कार्यवाही सुनिश्चित की जाएगी।
4. कोविड-19 के New Variant (B.1.1.529) 'Omicron' से बचाव हेतु प्रत्येक जनपद में लोगों को जागरूक करने के लिए अभियान चलाया जायेगा।
5. **General Directives for COVID-19 Management:**

राज्य में COVID-19 प्रबंधन के निम्नलिखित निर्देशों का कड़ाई से पालन सुनिश्चित किया जायेगा :-

- i. सार्वजनिक स्थानों, कार्यस्थल एवं सार्वजनिक परिवहन में यात्रा करने वाले व्यक्तियों को मास्क पहनना अनिवार्य होगा।

- ii. सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर व्यक्तियों को सामाजिक दूरी का पालन करते हुए 6 फिट की दूरी बनाए रखना अनिवार्य होगा।
- iii. सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर थूकना गैरकानूनी होगा जिसके लिए निर्धारित जुर्माने के साथ दंड का प्रावधान होगा।
- iv. सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर पान, गुटखा, तंबाकू आदि का सेवन प्रतिबंधित होगा।

6. कमजोर व संवेदनशील व्यक्तियों की सुरक्षा:

निम्नलिखित श्रेणी के व्यक्तियों को आवश्यक और स्वास्थ्य संबंधी कारणों से ही घर से बाहर जाने की सलाह दी जाती है :-

- i. 65 वर्ष से अधिक आयु के व्यक्ति।
- ii. Persons with co-morbidities.
- iii. गर्भवती एवं स्तनपान कराने वाली महिलाएं।
- iv. 10 वर्ष से कम आयु के बच्चे।

7. दंड के प्रावधान:

- i. उपरोक्त दिशा-निर्देशों का उल्लंघन करने वाले व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध आपदा प्रबंधन अधिनियम 2005 (Section 51 to 60), महामारी अधिनियम 1897 एवं IPC की धारा 188 प्रावधानों के अन्तर्गत कानूनी कार्यवाही अमल में लाई जायेगी।

अतः उपर्युक्त दिशा-निर्देशों का कड़ाई से अनुपालन सुनिश्चित कराये जाने हेतु आवश्यक कार्यवाही करने का कष्ट करें।

उपर्युक्त आदेश दिनांक 25 दिसम्बर, 2021 से अग्रिम आदेश तक प्रभावी होंगे।

भवदीय,



(डॉ० सुखबीर सिंह सन्धु, IAS)

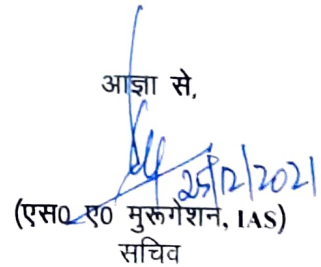
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संख्या एवं दिनांक उपरोक्तानुसार।

निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित-

1. सचिव, श्री राज्यपाल, उत्तराखण्ड।
2. सचिव, मा. मुख्यमंत्री जी, उत्तराखण्ड।
3. निजी सचिव, मा. मंत्री, आपदा प्रबंधन।
4. सचिव, विधानसभा, उत्तराखण्ड।
5. महाधिवक्ता, मा० उच्च न्यायालय, नैनीताल।
6. सचिव, गोपन (मंत्रिपरिषद्), विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
7. समस्त निजी सचिव, मा. मंत्रीगण को मा. मंत्रीगणों के संज्ञानार्थ प्रेषित।
8. स्टॉफ आफिसर, मुख्य सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड शासन।
9. सम्बन्धित पत्रावली।

आज्ञा से,



(एस० ए० मुरुगेशन, IAS)
सचिव



राजेश भूषण, आईएएस
सचिव

RAJESH BHUSHAN, IAS
SECRETARY



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Government of India
Department of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D.O.No.Z.28015/318/21-EMR
21 December, 2021

Dear Colleague,

This is regarding the measures that need to be taken in view of initial signs of surge in cases of Covid-19 as well as increased detection of the Variant of Concern (VoC), 'Omicron' in different parts of the country.

2. In this context kindly recall this Ministry's earlier guidance shared with States/UTs on multiple occasions regarding the recommended strategies for containment and restrictions, keeping the District as a unit.

3. At the **district level** there should be constant review of emerging data regarding the population affected by COVID-19, geographical spread, hospital infrastructure and its utilization, manpower, notifying Containment Zones, enforcement of perimeter of containment zones etc. This evidence should be the basis for effective decision making at the district level itself. Such a strategy ensures that infection is contained at the local level itself before it spreads to other parts of the state.

4. The main elements of the framework to be used by States and UTs to facilitate decision making at the District Level are as follows:

- i) Test positivity of 10% or more in the last one week
OR
- ii) Bed occupancy of 40% or more on oxygen supported or ICU beds

In case any one of these parameters are met in any District, district level containment measures and restrictions may be put in place forthwith. Equally important, the restrictions must be strictly enforced.

5. Based on current scientific evidence, the VOC Omicron is at least 3 times more transmissible than the Delta VOC. Besides, the Delta VOC is still present in different parts of the country. Hence, even greater foresight, data analysis, dynamic decision making and strict & prompt containment action is required at the local and district level. The decision making at the State/UT and district level must be very prompt and focussed.

6. The template above provides a normative framework. However, based on the **local situation** and population characteristics such as density etc., and keeping in mind the higher transmissibility of Omicron, States/UTs can take containment measures and restrictions **even before these thresholds** are reached.

7. Some of the **strategic areas of intervention** focusing on containment, test, track, surveillance, clinical management, vaccination and Covid Appropriate Behaviour to be taken up are as follows:

A -Containment: imposition of night curfew, strict regulation of large gatherings, curtailing numbers in marriages and funerals, restricting numbers in offices, industries, public transport etc. In case of all new clusters of Covid positive cases, prompt notification of "Containment Zones", "Buffer Zones" should be done, strict perimeter control of Containment Zone as per extant guidelines must be ensured. All cluster samples must be sent to INSACOG Labs for Genome Sequencing without delay.

B- Testing and surveillance: testing as per ICMR and MoHFW guidelines, door to door case search, testing of all SARI/ILI and vulnerable/co-morbid people, ensuring right proportion of RT-PCR tests in total tests being conducted daily, contact tracing of all Covid positive persons & their timely testing, utilizing the access to "AIR SUVIDHA" Portal by State Surveillance Officers (SSOs) & District Surveillance Officers (DSOs) to monitor the international passengers who have arrived in their States & Districts etc.

C- Clinical Management: increase bed capacity, other logistics like ambulances, mechanism for seamless shifting of patients, availability and operational readiness of oxygen equipments, buffer stock of drugs to be ensured by prompt utilization of Emergency Covid Response Package (ECRP-II) funds released by Central Government & other available resources etc. The existing National Clinical Management Protocol remains unchanged for Omicron.

Ensure stringent enforcement of home isolation as per extant guidelines. This would include among others: customized kit for persons undergoing home isolation, their regular monitoring through call centers as well as home visits etc. This will be a very critical activity in the days to come specially to ensure that persons under home isolation do not spread the virus to others in view of its higher transmissibility.

D- Vaccination: ensure 100% coverage of left out first and second dose eligible beneficiaries in an accelerated manner. Special focus to be given to those districts where the first & second dose coverage is less than the national average. The door-to-door vaccination campaign need to be strengthened.

E- Community engagement and Covid Appropriate Behaviour: Ensure advance engagement and information so that there is no misinformation or panic, transparent communication on hospital and testing infrastructure availability, regular press briefings etc. Participation of community backed by strict enforcement is necessary for ensuring Covid Appropriate Behaviour.

8. Kindly activate the War rooms/EOCs and keep analyzing all trends and surges, no matter how small and keep taking proactive action at the district/local level.

Regular reviews with field officers and proactive action in this regard will definitely control the spread of infection and flatten the curve.

Warm Regards.

Yours sincerely



(Rajesh Bhushan)

Chief Secretary/Administrator of all States / UTs

No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)

Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001

Dated 30th November, 2021**ORDER**

Whereas, an Order of even number dated 28th September, 2021, was issued to ensure compliance to the containment measures for COVID-19, as conveyed *vide* Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) DO No. Z.28015/85/2021-DM Cell dated 21st September, 2021, which was further extended for a period upto 30.11.2021 *vide* Order of even number dated 28.10.2021;

And whereas, considering the emergence of highly mutant COVID-19 variant B.1.1529 cases in few countries of Africa, MoHFW *vide* DO No. 25/S(HFW)/CVariant/2021 dated 25th November, 2021, has issued an advisory to all States and Union Territories (UTs), for rigorous screening and testing of all international arrivals, as per their guidelines issued from time to time. Further the contacts of these international travelers must also be closely tracked and tested as per MoHFW guidelines and the samples of travelers turning positive are sent to the designated INSACOG Genome Sequencing Laboratories (IGSLs) promptly, as per the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) Guidance Document. State Surveillance Officers must also establish a close coordination with their designated/ tagged IGSLs for expediting results of genomic analysis, and the States/UTs should immediately undertake necessary public health measures, in case presence of Variants of Concern/Variants of interest (VOCs/VoIs) is reported by the INSACOG network;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (DM Act), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has directed the undersigned to issue an Order, for containment of COVID-19 in the country;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the DM Act, the undersigned, hereby directs that the Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs of even number, dated 28th September, 2021, to ensure compliance with the Prompt & Effective Containment Measures for COVID-19, as conveyed *vide* Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) DO No. Z.28015/85/2021-DM Cell, dated 21st September, 2021, will remain in force upto the 31st December, 2021. Further it is directed to ensure strict compliance to the aforesaid MoHFW advisory (**Annexure-I**) dated 25th November, 2021.


Union Home Secretary

and, Chairperson, National Executive Committee (NEC)

To:

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories

(As per list attached)

Copy to:

- i. All Members of the National Executive Committee
- ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority