

## GOVERNMENT OF SINDH HOME DEPARTMENT

Karachi, dated the 29th August 2021

## **ORDER**

NO. SOJI/8-1(04)2020(Stage-4 NPIs): In continuation of this department's order s of even number dated 08.08.2021 & 09.08.2021 and in pursuance of NCOC guidelines vide their letter No.801/A/2/NCOC-01 dated 28.08.2021 for continuation of existing NPIs for high disease prevalence cities especially Karachi & Hyderabad and a relatively milder NPIs regime in other cities /areas of the Province of Sindh, the below mentioned NPIs shall remain in force from 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. Now, therefore, the Home Department, Government of Sindh in exercise of powers conferred under Section 3(1) of the Sindh Epidemic Diseases Act, 2014 (The Sindh Act VIII of 2015), is pleased to issue the following order for enforcement within the territorial jurisdiction of the province of Sindh:

S#	Sector	Orders / Guidelines regarding NPIs
a.	Business Timings	Market / business activities in Karachi Division and District Hyderabad may continue till 08:00 pm.
		Other Divisions /Districts of Sindh Province to continue Market / business activities till 10:00 pm.
		Essential services to continue 24/7 (Pharmacies, Medical Facilities, Vaccination Centers, Petrol Pumps, CNG Stations, LPG shops, Milk / Dahi Shops and Tandoors) and Standalone Grocery Stores, Fish, meat, vegetable / fruit vendors, E-commerce and bakeries. All the managements / staff /customers shall follow Covid related SOPs.
b.	Closed	Closed days will be observed as under during the week
	Days	Karachi Division: Friday and Sunday
		District Hyderabad: Friday and Saturday
		Other Divisions/Districts of Sindh: Friday.
c.	Dining	Complete ban shall continue on indoor dining for Karachi and Hyderabad, however, outdoor dining will be allowed till 10:00 pm under strict COVID protocols.
		Indoor and outdoor dining will be allowed till 11:59 pm at 50% occupancy for the vaccinated individuals only.
		Carrying vaccination cards by the guest while dinning out shall be mandatory for the purpose of inspection by the LEAs.
		Takeaway/drive through and Home Delivery are allowed 24/7, subject to following of all SOPs with staff and delivery personnel duly vaccinated.
d.	Weddings and related ceremonies	Karachi and Hyderabad There will be a complete ban on indoor weddings and related ceremonies. Outdoor weddings and related ceremonies are allowed with a maximum of 300 guests under strict COVID protocols till 10:00 pm.
		Other Divisions /Districts of Sindh Outdoor weddings and related ceremonies are allowed with a maximum of 400 guests under strict COVID protocols till 10:00 pm.
gi	Mark	Indoor weddings and related ceremonies are allowed with a maximum of 200 guests only for the vaccinated individuals under strict COVID protocols till 10:00 pm.

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e.	Religious	There will be complete closure of shrines in Karachi Division and District Hyderabad. However, shrines in other parts of the province of Sindh may be opened at the discretion of Divisional /District Administration concerned in consultation with Health as well as Auqaf and Religious Affairs Department Sindh.
f.	Cinemas	There will be complete closure of cinemas throughout the Province of Sindh.
g.	Gatherings	Ban is imposed on all types of indoor gatherings including cultural, musical / religious / miscellaneous event. However, outdoor gatherings will be allowed for a maximum 300 individuals under strict COVID protocols.
h.	Sports	Complete ban shall continue on contact sports (Karate, Boxing, Martial Arts, Rugby, Water Polo, Kabaddi & Wrestling).
i.	Gyms	Indoor gyms will be allowed for vaccinated individuals only.
j.	Office	Karachi and Hyderabad Routine Normal office working hours for public / private offices will continue; however, attendance level shall be reduced from 100% to 50 %.
		Other Divisions /Districts of Sindh Routine Normal office working hours with 100% attendance.
k.	Public Transport	Public Transport may ply on sanctioned routes with Occupancy level of up to 50% seating capacity, subject to following of all SOPs with staff duly vaccinated.
		Ban is imposed on all type of snacks serving to the passengers during journey by the transport services.
1.	Railways	Railway services will continue to operate with 70% occupancy under strict COVID protocols subject to following of all SOPs with passengers and staff duly vaccinated.
m.	Recreation	All amusement parks, water sports & swimming pools shall remain closed in Karachi division and District Hyderabad, however, public parks may remain open under strict COVID protocols.
		In other Divisions / Districts of Sindh amusement parks, water sports & swimming pools, public parks may remain open under strict COVID protocols.
n.	Extended Lockdowns	District Administration may impose Broader lockdown for specified areas within their jurisdiction with stringent Covid protocols based on risk assessment. District Administration shall implement targeted SLDs / mSLDs.
0.	Mask Wearing	Wearing of Mask shall be compulsory at public places.
p.	Tourism	Tourism will be allowed for vaccinated individuals under strict COVID protocols.
q.	Meal / Snacks during Travel	Ban is imposed on serving of meals / snacks during inflight journey for domestic airlines.
r.	Inbound Passenger Policy	Current Inbound passenger policy will continue till further orders.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

2. This order, and the SOPs / directions issued there under shall be enforceable with effect from 01.09.2021 to 15.09.2021 untill revised / recalled / amended / modified earlier if the periodical review of the COVID-19 situation so warrants.

- 3. Secretaries of respective departments viz. Industries, Transport, Labour, etc. who are entrusted with regulation/control of respective activities / function related to above as well as respective Divisional Commissioners are empowered under Section 3(1) of said Act to issue further orders, directions, notices to put this order into effect in letter and spirit and to clarify further for implementation purpose (but not allow what is not permitted or disallow what is permitted). Any action required to be taken under this order may be taken if deemed necessary by taking representatives of concerned Industrial / Transport Association (to be nominated by the concerned President) into confidence.
- 4. A team of officers / inspectors of administration, Industries, Transport, and Labour department duly authorized by Deputy Commissioners or Secretaries concerned may check the place any time for compliance of directions issued by Government.
- 5. Deputy Commissioners, Additional Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, Mukhtiarkars, Labour Officers, Officers of Transport Department, Officers Incharge of Police Stations as well as the personnel of Law Enforcement Agencies not below the rank of Inspector Police (or of equivalent rank for other Law Enforcement Agencies) are empowered under Section 3(1) of the said Act to take any legal action on any act in contravention of this order or directions / notices issued there under and including action under Section 188 of Pakistan Penal Code 1860. Further legal action can also be taken under relevant Labour, Industrial, Motor Vehicle and other applicable laws.

Sd/- 29.08.2021

## (QAZI SHAHID PERVEZ) ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

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Karachi dated 29th August, 2021

A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:

- 1. The Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
- The Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation & Coordination, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
- The Chairperson, Planning & Development Board, Sindh Karachi.
- 4. The Senior Member Board of Revenue Sindh, Karachi.
- 5. The Principal Secretary to Governor Sindh, Karachi.
- 6. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi.
- 7. The Chairman, Anti-Corruption Establishment, Sindh, Karachi.
- 8. The Inspector General of Police Sindh, Karachi.
- 9. The Administrative Secretaries of Government of Sindh (All).
- 10. The Director General, Pakistan Rangers (Sindh), Karachi.
- 11. The Commissioner (all) in Sindh.
- 12. The Deputy Inspectors General of Police, Sindh (All)
- 13. The Deputy Commissioner, (all) in Sindh.
- 14. The Senior Superintendent, of Police, (all) in Sindh.
- 15. The Director (Press), Information Department for giving wide publicity in electronic and print media.
- 16. The Deputy Secretary (staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
- The Director (Operations), National Command & Operation Centre (NCOC), Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
- 18. The Superintendent, Sindh Government Printing Press, Karachi for publication in the next issue of Government Gazette and provide copies thereof.

19. The PSO to Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Sindh, Karachi.

(ALI ASGHAR MAHAR) SECTION OFFICER (JUDICIAL-I)

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