

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

The Epidemic Diseases ACT, 1897 - The Telangana Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 - Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.13

Dated:21.03.2020.

Read:

The Epidemic Diseases ACT, 1897, Act No. 3 of 1897.

ORDER:

The following notification shall be published in the Telangana Gazette, Dated:21.03.2020.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas the State Government is satisfied that the State of Telangana is threatened with spread of Covid-19 Virus, which has already been declared as pandemic by World Health Organization, and it is therefore necessary to take certain measures and empower certain officers of the State Government to take all such measures as may be necessary to contain spread of said virus.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases ACT, 1897, the Government of Telangana frame the following regulations to prevent the spread of Covid-19 Virus, in the State of Telangana.

1. These regulations may be called 'The Telangana Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020.
2. These Regulations shall come into force immediately and shall remain valid for a period of one year from the date of publication of this Notification.
3. "COVID-19" means, for the purpose of these regulations, the Corona virus Disease caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Corona virus 2 (SARS CoV 2) as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) / Government of India.
4. The Director of Public Health (DPH), the Director of Medical Education, the Commissioner TVVP, all the District Collectors, Commissioner of Police, District Superintendent of Police and all the Municipal Commissioners of Corporations in the state are hereby empowered to take such measures as may be necessary to prevent the outbreak of COVID-19 or the spread thereof within their respective jurisdictions.

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5. All hospitals, Government and Private, shall provide COVID-19 corners for screening of suspected cases of COVID-19, as and when so required by any of the authorities specified in regulation 4 above.
6. The hospitals, Government and Private, directed under regulation 5 above, during screening of such cases shall record the history of travel of the person to any country or area where COVID-19 has been reported. In addition, the history of contacts of the suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 also shall be recorded.
7. Every person who has history of travel to affected areas in last 14 days and who is asymptomatic, must remain in home quarantine for 14 days from the day of exposure. He/ she must abide by the Home Quarantine Guidelines issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India meticulously. Persons who do not observe the Home Quarantine Guidelines shall be quarantined in the quarantine facilities set up by Government.
8. Every person with travel history and symptoms as per case definition of COVID-19, shall be required to be isolated in a hospital as per protocol and tested for COVID-19 as per protocol.
9. Information of all such cases must be immediately sent to State Integrated Disease Surveillance Unit and Collector of the district/ local Municipal Commissioner by the head or person in management of the hospital.
10. No person/ Institution/ organization shall use any print or electronic or social media for dissemination of any information regarding COVID-19 without ascertaining the facts and prior clearance of the DMET, DPH, DHS or Collector as the case may be. This is necessary to avoid spread of any unauthenticated information and/or rumours regarding COVID-19. If any person/ Institution/ organization is found indulging in such activity, it will be treated as a punishable offence under these Regulations.
11. The private health care institutions intending to test COVID-19 must notify State IDSP unit. The State IDSP unit shall arrange monitoring and testing strictly as per the guidelines issued by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi.

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12. Any person with a history of travel in last 14 days to a country or area from where COVID-19 has been reported, must voluntarily report to State Control Room (040-24651119)/ Toll Free number 104 so that necessary measures can be initiated by DPHFW, DME, Commissioner TVVP and the Collector/ Municipal Commissioner, as the case may be.
13. The authorities empowered under regulation 4 above are authorized to isolate and /or, admit into an identified hospital, any person who develops symptoms simulating that of the COVID 19 infection as per the case definition criteria published by WHO or Government of India from time to time. The empowered officer may initiate action under the section 188 of Indian Penal Code (48 of 1860) against the person who refuses to comply with such advice of isolation and/or admission.
14. In the event of threat of spread of COVID-19 being apprehended in a defined geographic area such as village, town, ward, colony, settlement, the Collector of the concerned district, or the Municipal Commissioner of the concerned Municipal Corporation area, as the case may be, shall be competent to implement following containment measures, but not limited to these, in order to prevent spread of the disease in such defined geographic area.
 - i. Barring entry and exit of population from the containment area.
 - ii. Closure of schools, offices, cinema halls, swimming pools, gyms, other public places, etc. and banning mass congregations, functions as may be deemed necessary.
 - iii. Initiating active and passive surveillance of COVID-19 cases.
 - iv. Hospital isolation of all suspected cases and their contacts.
 - v. Designating any Government or Private Building as a quarantine facility.
 - vi. Any other measure as directed by Health & Family Welfare Department.
15. Staff of all Government Departments and Organisations of the concerned area shall be at the disposal of Collector/ Municipal Commissioner of Corporation for discharging the duty of containment measures. If required, Collector/ Municipal Commissioner of Corporation may requisition the services of any other person also.

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16. Any person, institution, organization violating any provision of these Regulations shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860). The empowered officers may penalize any person, institution, organization found violating provisions of these Regulations or any further orders issued by Government under these Regulations.
17. No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under these Regulations.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**SOMESH KUMAR
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores purchases (Printing wing Dept., Hyderabad (with a request to publish the notification in the extraordinary issue of Telangana State Gazette and Supply 600 copies)

The Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare, Hyderabad.

The Director General of Police.

The Director of Municipal Administration.

The Director of Ayush, Hyderabad.

The Director of Medical Education, Hyderabad

The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Hyderabad

The Commissioner of TVVP, Hyderabad.

All the District Collectors in the State.

The Commissioners of Police in the State.

All Superintendents of Police in the State.

All the Departments in the Secretariat.

All HODs in the State.

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