



ORDER

Whereas, the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Goalpara has vide order No. DDMA/Goalpara/37/2020/Pt.I/337-341 - (A) Dated: 28/10/2021 issued consolidated and revised guidelines for the district of Goalpara for containment of COVID - 19 in both rural and urban areas until further order.

Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) vide order dated 30th November, 2021 has directed the states / UTI to consider implementation of prompt and effective containment measures for COVID-19 management as conveyed vide MoHFW advisory dated 21st September, 2021 until 31st December, 2021 and also directed to ensure strict compliance to the MoHFW advisory dated 27th November, 2021 on the highly mutant SARS-CoV-2 variant (B.1.1.529; named Omicron) **(Annexure - I)**.

Whereas, the Health and Family Welfare Department, Assam has vide Order NO. HLA 270/2020/436 Dated 5th December, 2021 issued general guidelines for International travelers coming to Assam to contain the spread of the highly mutant SARS-CoV-2 variant **(Annexure - II)**.

Whereas, the status of COVID-19 in the district has again been reviewed and it has been observed that though the overall number of COVID-19 patients and positively rate has declined considerably and the overall situation has improved, strict vigil needs to be continued so that adequate standards of COVID appropriate behavior continues to be followed with the emergencies of the new variant of concern. B.1.1.529; named Omicron.

Whereas, gatherings in enclosed spaces without prior social distancing and maintenance of the COVID-19 protocols runs the risk of spread of Corona virus and may also give rise to serious difficulties in contact tracing, thereby adversely affecting containment of the spread of COVID-19.

Whereas, it is necessary to formulate norms of public gathering during the forthcoming major festivals in the state in order to ensure that people are able to celebrate these festivals with joy gusto, while at the same time adhering to extant COVID-19 protocols

Therefore in exercise of the powers, conferred under section 30 (2) (IV), (2) & (2) (XXIX) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and order from Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam vide order no. ASDMA.28/2021/334 Dated: 25th December, 2021, I, the Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Goalpara, considering the present COVID-19 situation of the district, which are to be strictly adhered across the district for public safety and possible outbreak of COVID with variant forms of the virus which will come into force with effect from **6 AM of 26th December, 2021** and will remain in force until further orders.

A. Containment Zones :

In case of test positivity of COVID-19 in any area reaches more than 10 cases in the last seven days, the said area will be notified as containment zones following due procedure.

However, in such zones, emergency services will continue round the clock and essential services including shops, dealing with groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, animal fodder, etc. will remain open up to usual time of closure.

Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through e-commerce in such areas will continue round the clock.

B. Restrictions imposed:

Except for exemptions given in Annexure 'III' ,

1. The Curfew time will effective from **11.30 PM to 6 AM (except on 31st December, 2021)** in the District until further order.
2. Opening of work place and business/commercial establishments remain open up to 10.30 P.M.
3. Functioning of Govt. and private offices / establishments as per usual working hours but not beyond 10.30 P.M.
4. Opening of Shops and commercial establishments remain open up to 10.30 P.M.
5. Shops dealing with groceries, fruits and vegetables, diary and milk booths, animal fodder remain open up to 10.30 PM.
6. Dine in Restaurants, Dhabas and other eateries (upto 50% of seating capacity) with takeaway of food items from Restaurants, Dhabas and other eateries remain open up to 10.30 P.M.
7. Opening of sale counters, showrooms etc. of cold storage and warehouses remain open up to 10.30 P.M.

C. Other restrictions and relaxations :

1. All Government servants (including Contractual and fixed pay) who have taken at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine shall attend office. However all other employees except those in whose case vaccination is contra-indicated as per guidelines issued by the Health Department of Government of Assam and /or such claim is certified by a registered medical practitioner will have to get themselves vaccinated within 3 days from the date of issue of this order and attend office.
2. Employees engaged in emergency/essential services shall attend their duty without any restrictions at any place.
3. The organizations (Government/Private) rendering Essential/Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Services and Election work will continue working without any restrictions.
4. Pregnant women employees and women with children of 3 years or below working under any Government / PSU / Financial Institutions / Private Organizations irrespective of their grade shall be eligible to work from home.
5. Persons with disabilities (PwDs) working in any Government/PSU/ Financial Institutions/Private organizations shall be allowed to attend duties.

D. Public Transport (Government and Private) :

1. Goods transport shall continue unhindered.
2. All Public transport authorities shall enforce COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and seating inside the vehicles, carriers, containers etc.
3. Auto Rickshaws, Cycle Rickshaws and Taxis shall operate for passengers with 100% seating capacity and observance of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour for passengers having at least a single dose of vaccine.
4. Pillion riding on motorcycles may be allowed with at least single vaccinated persons and compulsory wearing of mask.
5. Intra-district transport, with 100% seating capacity subject to observance of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, shall be allowed for passengers having at least single dose of vaccine.