

**Government of Punjab  
Department of Home Affairs & Justice  
(Home - 4 Branch)**

To

1. All the Divisional Commissioners and the Deputy Commissioners in the State
2. All the Zonal IGPs, Commissioners of Police, DIGs and SSPs in the State

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**Sub: COVID-19 Restrictions from 26-1-2022 to 1-2-2022.**

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, read with all other enabling provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005, in supersession of all previous instructions on the subject, following restrictions shall be in force from 26-1-2022 to 1-2-2022:-

**1. Social distancing and wearing of masks**

- a) Wearing of masks by all persons in public places, including workplaces etc. will be mandatory and must be strictly observed and enforced.
- b) Social distancing i.e minimum 6 feet distance (do gaz ki duri) for all the activities shall always be maintained.

**2. Movement of persons – night curfew (10.00 p.m. to 5.00 a.m.)**

Movement of individuals for all the non-essential activities shall remain prohibited between 10.00 p.m. to 5.00 a.m. within municipal limits of all the cities and towns of Punjab. The district authorities are accordingly asked to issue prohibitory orders under section 144 of Cr. PC and ensure strict compliance. However, essential activities including operation of multiple shifts in industry, offices etc. (both Government and private), movement of persons and goods on National and State Highways and unloading of cargo and travel of persons to their destinations after disembarking from buses, trains and aeroplanes will be permitted. There shall be no restriction on movement of raw materials, finished goods, personnel etc related to manufacturing of pharmaceutical drugs, including vaccines and medical devices, diagnostic testing kits etc.

**3. Gatherings**

Gatherings shall be restricted to not more than 300 persons (Indoors as well as outdoors) subject to an upper limit of 50% of the capacity. These gatherings will be subject to compliance of COVID appropriate behavior.

**4. Online teaching/distance learning to be encouraged**

All schools, colleges, universities, coaching institutions etc. shall remain closed. However, these institutions are expected to maintain the academic schedule through online teaching. However, medical and nursing colleges may continue to function normally.

**5. Prohibited/Restricted activities**

- a) All bars, cinemas halls, multiplexes, malls, restaurants, spas, gyms, sports complexes, museums, zoos etc. shall be allowed to operate at 50% of their capacity subject to all staff present being fully vaccinated.
- b) AC buses will run at 50% of capacity.

**6. Principle of No Mask - No Service**

No Service shall be provided in Government or private offices to the persons not wearing proper mask.

7. Only passengers who are fully vaccinated, or Covid recovered or with negative RTPCR report of less than 72 hrs shall be allowed entry in Punjab. In case a passenger doesn't have either of these, RAT testing shall be mandatory. Passengers travelling by flights shall be mandatorily required to be fully vaccinated, or Covid recovered, or with negative RTPCR reports of last 72 hrs.
8. Persons with disabilities and pregnant women employees shall be exempted from attending office but are required to work from home.

Note: The district authorities may impose additional restrictions as deemed necessary, based on their assessment of the situation, but they will not dilute the above restrictions.

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