

Surat Municipal Corporation

Office Order

Whereas, the World Health Organisation has declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic and Government of India has directed State Government to take necessary steps to prevent and control the spread of this disease under the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897.

And whereas, the Government of Gujarat in exercise of the power conferred under section 2, 3 and 4 of the Epidemic Disease Act 1897 has framed Regulation for prevention and containment of COVID-19 under Order No. GP/ 9/ NCV/ 102020/ SF-1/ G, dated 13th March 2020 and addendum issued vide Order No. NCV/ 102020/ SF-1/ G, dated 20th March 2020.

Whereas, several positive case have been found in the city of Surat, and it is necessary in public interest to take adequate steps to stop further spread of the COVID-19.

And whereas, it has been observed in some studies that wearing of facial mask can reduce the spread of Corona virus substantially. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 11 of the said Regulations,

I, Banchanidhi Pani, IAS, Commissioner of Surat Municipal Corporation, Surat, in exercise of said powers conferred upon me hereby direct to implement the following direction:

All persons when in public place within the jurisdiction of Surat Municipal Corporation shall compulsorily wear masks or cover their mouth and nose with a handkerchief or other loose cloth tied properly around the mouth and nose.

A penalty of Rs. 1,000/- will be levied on first time violation. All subsequent violations will attract a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- in each case. Failure to pay penalty will attract prosecution under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code and provisions of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897.

This order will be effective from 6:00 a.m. on 13th April 2020 and continue to remain in force till further orders.

**Commissioner
Surat Municipal Corporation**

No. PRO/ 12
Date: 12/04/2020