Order under Section 34 of Disaster Management Act, 2005

In continuation to Order No. CBA-DA-2(31)/2020-8027-8087 dated 26th April, 2020 issued by this office regarding effectiveness of Home Quarantine System, it has now been decided that the mandatory Quarantine period for Home or the Institutional Quarantine in a designated facility will be 14 days in totality.

Moreover, as a clarification to earlier orders in this regard and in exercise of powers conferred upon me under section 34 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, I, Vivek Bhatia, District Magistrate, Chamba do hereby order in the interest of public safety and health that:

a) The following returnee person(s) shall undergo a mandatory Institutional Quarantine (Free Buffer/Panchayat or Paid Hotel/Lodge as per option exercised by the returnee person) for 14 days on arrival into the district: the inter-state returnee(s) from Red Zones; the inter-district returnee(s) from Police District Baddi (BBN area) of District Solan (HP); all inter-state returnee(s) without a valid Pass irrespective of the Zone.

b) The following returnee person(s) shall undergo a mandatory Home Quarantine under Panch-astra surveillance for 14 days on arrival into the district: the inter-state returnee(s) from Orange and Green Zones; all the inter-state returnees (including attendants) from hospitals in Red Zones, who had proceeded on medical grounds on valid referral. All the returnees covered under this category shall have to undergo Panchayat-level Institutional Quarantine for a period of 14 days in a designated facility, in case the place for Home Quarantine is reported to be improper by the Panchayat-level surveillance team.

c) The following returnee person(s) shall not undergo Home Quarantine under Panch-astra surveillance: the inter-district travellers travelling within the state, except for Police district Baddi (BBN area) of District Solan (HP), all the inter-state/inter-district medical returnees (including attendants) who had proceeded on valid referral except those mentioned in Point (b). However, these returnees shall be advised self-restraint and social distancing.
d) The drivers and staff of goods vehicles transporting essential/non-essential goods, including taxis shall undergo self-quarantine at home in the duration when they are off duty.

e) Medical teams shall undertake testing of the returnee person(s) as per the protocols communicated by the Health Department from time to time. In case a person covered under Point (a) is tested negative, he/she shall be subject to Home Quarantine for the balance duration, i.e. till 14 days are completed from the date of arrival into the district.

f) Certain categories of persons shall not be put under Institutional Quarantine even if covered under Point (a) above, and shall be allowed Home Quarantine under strict Panch- astra surveillance for 14 days, irrespective of the Zone they are arriving from, subject to the satisfaction of Magistrates that it is extremely necessary to do so for their health and well being. An indicative list of such exempted categories are: pregnant women, mothers carrying children under 2 years, geriatric people above 60 years of age, persons with chronic debilitating health ailments (to be assessed by medical team posted at the barriers), specially-abled persons with more than 40% disability.

g) Any person violating the Home Quarantine shall be kept in Institutional Quarantine Centres for 14 days mandatorily.

h) This order shall not cover the persons having SARI/ILI symptoms.

i) The relevant directions, to the extent of not conflicting with this order, as contained in Order No. CBA-DA-32 (I)/2020 -12085-14308 dated 3rd May, 2020 shall remain the guiding principles for effectiveness of Home Quarantine mechanism in the district.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force till further orders.

Issued under my hand and seal on 19th May, 2020.

District Magistrate,
Chamba, District Chamba HP
Figure: A tentative illustrative summary of the clarification

All in-bound travellers

- Inter-district
  - Baddi Police District
  - Rest of Himachal
    - Self restraint and Social distancing
- Inter-state
  - Red zone
  - Orange zone
  - Green Zone
  - Without Pass

Institutional Quarantine

- Paid
- Unpaid

Home Quarantine

- If tested negative
- If HQ violated

Medical returnees

- Home Quarantine under Panch-astra supervision
- If home found inadequate by Panchayat team
  - Paid Quarantine
  - Buffer Quarantine
  - Panchayat Quarantine
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1. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla for information please.

2. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Home)/(Health) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla for information please.

3. The Divisional Commissioner, Kangra at Dharamshala for information please.

4. The Superintendent of Police, Chamba, for information and necessary action please.

5. All the Sub Divisional Magistrates in Chamba District for information and necessary action please.

6. The Chief Medical Officer Chamba, District Chamba for information and necessary action please.

7. The Assistant Commissioner to Deputy Commissioner Chamba for information and necessary action please.

8. The District Revenue Officer Chamba for information and necessary action please.

9. All the Executive Magistrates in District Chamba for information and necessary action please.

10. The Project Officer (DRDA) Chamba for information and necessary action please.

11. All the BDOs in District Chamba for information and necessary action please.

12. The District Panchayat Officer Chamba, District Chamba for information and necessary action please.

13. All Heads of Offices in Chamba District for information.

14. The District Informatics Officer, Chamba to upload the order on district web portal.

15. The DPRO Chamba for wide publicity.