Management of Large Outbreak Regions

1. WHEREAS, COVID-19 has already been declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) and National Disaster Management Authority, being satisfied that the country is threatened with the COVID-19 epidemic, had declared a lockdown in the entire country on 24th March, 2020 which was extended from time to time unto 31st May, 2020. Further, Government of India declared Unlock-3 (Phased Re-Opening) w.e.f. 01st August, 2020 for areas outside the Containment Zones while keeping the Lockdown in force in Containment Zones till 31st August, 2020.

2. WHEREAS, in exercise of powers under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the Government of Haryana has already issued the Haryana Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 for the containment and prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

3. FURTHER, revised guidelines that had been received from Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (MHA, GoI) allow certain activities to be opened in the country for areas outside the Containment Zones w.e.f. May 30th, 2020. It has also been categorically stated vide Para 4 that these guidelines shall not apply to Containment Zones i.e. areas of large outbreak of COVID-19 or clusters with significant spread of COVID-19 as determined by guidelines of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), GoI. Further, it has also been categorically stated vide Para 5 that States, based on their assessment of the situation, may prohibit certain activities outside the Containment Zones, or impose such restrictions as deemed necessary.

4. WHEREAS, as per the guidelines of MoHFW:
   1. A large outbreak is defined as localized increase in the incidence of COVID-19 cases occurring within a defined geographic area e.g., in a village, town, or city. The cases may or may not be epidemiologically linked. For operational purpose, a large outbreak is deemed to be present when there are 15 or more cases.
   2. Geographic quarantine strategy calls for near absolute interruption of movement of people to and from a relatively large defined geographic area where there is single large outbreak or multiple foci of local transmission of COVID-19. In simple terms, it is a barrier erected around the focus of infection.
   3. Geographic quarantine shall be applicable to such areas reporting large outbreak and/or multiple clusters of COVID-19 spread over multiple blocks of one or more districts that are contiguous based on the distribution of cases and contacts.
   4. Containment/ buffer zones are to be created with a boundary for geographic quarantine to be defined based on:
      1. geospatial distribution of each cluster contained within,
      2. largest administrative unit containing all clusters, and
      3. feasibility to implement strict interruption of movement of people.

5. WHEREAS, as on August 23, 2020, the cumulative number of COVID positive cases in the district are 10971 including 131 deaths of COVID patients. Further, keeping
in view the above guidelines, in the District there are multiple “Containment zone” along with “Buffer Zone” that extend beyond the containment zone.

6. WHEREAS, in many incidences of positive cases in other areas of District Gurugram, cases are mostly within the same household/family and epidemiologically linked, however there is a rising number of cases beyond this criteria. Extensive contact tracing and testing is being conducted with over 1,49,203 tests in the District and many of these positive cases have already recovered, yet there remains a potential threat to the District due to a sudden surge in COVID-19 positive patients in the districts. It is imperative to adopt strict measures in large outbreak areas to contain the spread of COVID-19, thus it is necessary to take effective measures to prevent further spread of COVID-19 in the district.

The District shares its border with the N.C.T. of Delhi and is on crossroads of major transport routes. A considerable number of people travel to Gurugram and back across District border because of either their workplace or residence being located here. Further, there is significant intra-district movement on account of travel to and from centres of economic activity viz. Industrial & Commercial establishments that have now been opened up. In such circumstances, where the District has not yet reached a stage of 14 days without a positive case and has a high proportion of COVID positive cases out of the overall cases in Haryana, the threat of the pandemic further spreading can yet not be ruled out.

7. WHEREAS, as per Para 5 of the MHA guidelines dated 30th May, 2020, States could impose stricter measures than these guidelines, as per requirements of local areas in order to contain the spread of COVID-19, which poses a threat to human life, health and safety; lockdown was continued to be imposed in the Containment Zones until further orders, to enforce stricter measures of isolation and social distancing.

8. HOWEVER, despite the above mentioned lockdown efforts, there still have been cases of COVID in District Gurugram with the contact history traced to areas beyond the boundaries of Containment Zones, THEREFORE, it becomes imperative in public interest that measures are undertaken in certain Large Outbreak Regions (LOR), as per annexed Schedule, to contain any further spread of the virus with a threefold approach viz. Reasonable restrictions on movement, Intensive public health campaign and to minimize adverse socio-economic fallout of these measures.

Reasonable restrictions on movement

1. All SDMs in coordination with ACP’s concerned shall identify the exact boundaries of the LOR immediately along with entry and exit point and also to ensure that all the necessary essential government/emergency services & movements/authorized movement shall be facilitated. They shall involve the local Municipal Corporators, RWAs and community leaders during advance notice period, boundary demarcation, enforcement and for regular feedback & review thereof.

2. Necessary barricading of the LOR shall be done by the Executive Engineer PWD (B&R) Gurugram in consultation with Commissioner of Police, Gurugram, concerned SDM’s. There shall be due sharing of information, such as helplines, Do’s/Don’t, precautions etc, at entry/exit points and within the LOR, for convenience to the residents of the LOR.

3. FURTHER, in the event transit across LOR becomes unavoidable, the following measures shall be strictly adhered to:
a) Aarogya Setu application shall be installed and used by all such concerned
b) Thermal scanning and symptomatic screening at nakas during entry/exit
from the LOR.
c) Rapid Testing facility, during exit from the LOR for symptomatic persons,
shall also be advisable to check any spread of the virus.
d) The authorities at these entry points will be required to inform the
incoming persons about precautions to be taken and will also provide such
persons with an information pamphlet and mask.

b) Intensive public health campaign

1. Sufficient number of Teams for conducting door to door screening/ thermal scanning
of each and every person of the entire households falling in the LOR shall be
deployed by the Civil Surgeon, Gurugram, all of them would work under his strict
directions. All the staff on duty shall be provided with personal protective equipment
and other required devices for screening/ thermal scanning etc.
2. Intensive testing/sampling through Rapid Antigen /RT-PCR Test shall be carried
out, as per the ICMR guidelines, of all cases with SARI/ILI and other Symptoms
specified by MOHFW. Thereafter, risk assessment of all such cases shall be done. If
required, such ILI/SARI Cases/persons with co-morbidity can be shifted to notified
quarantine/isolation facilities or Hospitals, as case may be. Sero surveys shall be
carried out as well and positive persons so detected shall be allowed to transit across
the LOR.
3. The entire area of LOR will be fully sanitized by the Municipal Corporation,
Gurugram or other responsible agency. It shall be ensured by MCG that the staff
deployed for complete sanitization of the locality is adequately provided with
personal protective equipment viz. face masks, gloves, caps, sanitizers, shoe and also
follow social distancing norms.
4. Distribution of Immunity Boosters in such LOR by AYUSH Department shall be
carried out in campaign mode. Further, special care shall be taken of old aged
persons, children below 10 years and pregnant women by Health/AYUSH teams. If
required, such vulnerable persons with can be shifted to quarantine/isolation
facilities or Hospitals, as case may be.
5. Extensive IEC activities regarding wearing Masks and maintaining social distancing
etc. shall be done through multimedia/DPRO vans/vehicles along with advocacy on
hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, environment sanitation to be ensured.

c) Minimize adverse socio-economic fallout of these measures

1. In situ industrial activity shall be permitted, however accommodation arrangements
for manpower shall have to be made within the LOR. Similarly, local accommodation
arrangements shall have to be made for workers hailing from the LOR but employed
outside them to prevent regular cross LOR movement. Further, the SOP’s issued by
Industries department shall be adhered to in this regard.
2. Only essential shops & commercial establishments shall be permitted to operate,
concerned SDM in tie-up with Municipal corporators, market association &RWA’s
shall decide the operational guidelines - Time, days& categories classification.
3. Supply of essential goods/commodities such as raw ration /milk/grocery/ medicine/
vegetables shall be monitored by the Zonal Administrator, HSAMB, Gurugram in
coordination with DFSC, Drug Control Officer and MCG to prevent any shortage/
overcharging.
4. Regular power supply in the LOR shall be ensured by SE, DHBVN, Gurugram. Regular safe drinking water supply shall be ensured by the SE Public Health, Gurugram and Municipal Corporation, Gurugram.

In view of the necessity to enforce the order in public interest, THEREFORE, the order shall come in force from 24th August, 2020. It is strongly advised that Central/State Government bodies/units, private organization and individuals make preparations accordingly to avoid any hardship. The order shall remain in force until 06th September, 2020.

Police Commissioner, ADM, DCP’s, SDM’s, Tehsildar/ Naib Tehsildar’s, B.D.P.O’s, Municipal Commissioner / Executive Officer/ Secretary of Urban Local Bodies, SHO’s are hereby authorized to take all the necessary actions for enforcement and implementation of the aforesaid measures. Local police shall render necessary assistance as and when requisitioned by the aforementioned officers.

The enforcement shall be strictly carried out at in all above mentioned areas and all such perimeter check posts and police nakas established for the mentioned areas under supervision of Duty Magistrates along with continuous videography. Any violations shall invite criminal proceedings under the relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

Given under my hand and seal.

Amit Khatri
District Magistrate, Gurugram

Endst. No. 3393

Dated: 24.8.2020

A Copy of the above is forwarded to following for information and necessary action:

1. Commissioner of Police Gurugram
2. CEO, GMCBL, Gurugram.
4. Administrator, HSVP, Gurugram.
5. Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Gurugram.
6. ZA, HSAMB, Gurugram.
7. Sub Divisional Magistrate Gurugram, Badshahpur, Sohna, Pataudi.
8. All Cluster In-Charge of Containment Zone, Gurugram
9. District Revenue Officer, Gurugram.
10. DDPO, Gurugram & BDPO, Gurugram/Pataudi/Sohna/Farrukh Nagar.
11. SE, DHBVNL – I & II, Gurugram.
12. Civil Surgeon, Gurugram.
14. Executive Engineer – I & II, PWD (B&R), Gurugram.
15. Secretary, Market Committee Gurugram/Pataudi/Sohna/Farrukhnagar.
16. Secretary Municipal Committee Gurugram/Pataudi/Sohna/Farrukhnagar.
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