

**GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
NAGALAND: KOHIMA.**

Dated Kohima the 28th April 2021

NOTIFICATION

HFW-27/B-30/nCoV/2020(Pt)1069 : With the cessation of this Department Notification of even number dated 18th March 2020 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 2, 3 and 4 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 (No.3 of 1897), the Government of Nagaland, Department of Health and Family Welfare, hereby issues the following regulation regarding COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 2019):

1. These regulations may be called "The Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations 2020".
2. They shall extend to the whole State of Nagaland.
3. They shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.
4. "COVID-19" means the Coronavirus Disease caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS Cov 2) as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO)/ Government of India.
5. "Epidemic Disease" in these regulations means COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 2019).
6. "Authorized persons" under this Act are Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare at State, Deputy Commissioners and Chief Medical Officer at District and Additional Deputy Commissioners in Subdivision and officers as authorized by the Department of Health and Family Welfare from time to time.
7. "Home Quarantine" means confining a person to a dwelling unit or part thereof with a purpose to minimize possibility of direct or indirect contact with other persons for the containment and better prevention of the spread of COVID-19.
8. "Designated Quarantine Facility" means any facility declared by the State Government for the purpose of quarantine of asymptomatic cases.
9. "Isolation Facility" means any facility declared by the State Government for the purpose of isolation of suspected or probable cases of COVID-19.
10. "Health Facilities" under this Act means, all health care establishments of any system of Medicine (governed by state or central or PSU and Private) within the State of Nagaland.
11. All Health Facilities shall have designated Flu/COVID-19 corners for screening of suspected cases of COVID-19.



12. It shall be mandatory for all Health Facilities to notify such person(s) to concerned District Surveillance Unit along with duly filled up self declaration forms, who, within their knowledge, are having travel history to other countries and are having complaints of fever or cough or respiratory difficulty or even without any sign and symptoms of COVID-19. In addition the history of coming in contact with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 shall be recorded.

13. No person/ institution/ organization shall publish or circulate rumours or unauthenticated information regarding COVID-19 through any print or electronic media.

14. COVID-19 testing shall be done only by approved test kits in health facilities approved by the Government in accordance with all guidelines in relation to registration, testing and reporting issued by the Government. No approved hospitals/ laboratories shall charge beyond the Government approved rates for COVID-19 testing.

15. All in-bound travellers to the state shall follow the standing SOP upon arrival issued by the Government of Nagaland, which will include registration, testing, quarantine and observance of COVID-19 appropriate behaviours.

16. Authorized persons as per Clause 6 of these regulations shall have power to admit a person and isolate the person if required in case he/she has a history of visit to an area where COVID-19 is endemic and the concerned person is symptomatic.

17. If a suspected case of COVID-19 refuses admission or isolation, the officers in section 6 of these regulations will have powers to forcefully admit and isolate such case for a period of 14 days from the onset of symptoms or till the reports of lab tests are received, or such period as may be necessary.

17. (i). Any person who is tested positive for COVID-19 or is found to be a Close Contact and does not cooperate with the surveillance teams or does not provide information or provides wrong/false information or withholds information for the purpose of contact tracing, shall be liable for punishment as per the provision of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897.

17. (ii). Refusal for COVID-19 testing by any person who has been traced as Close Contact, shall be liable for punishment as per the provision of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897.

18. If cases of COVID-19 are reported from a defined geographic area such as village, town, ward, colony or settlement, the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District shall have the right to implement following containment measures but not limited to these, in order to prevent the spread of the disease.

- i. Sealing of the geographical area;
- ii. Barring entry and exit of population from the containment area;
- iii. Closure of schools, offices and banning public gatherings;
- iv. Banning vehicular movements in the area;
- v. Initiating active and passive surveillance of COVID-19 cases;

- vi. Hospital isolation of all suspected cases;
- vii. Designating any Government/Building as containment unit for isolation of the cases;
- viii. Staff of all Government departments will be at disposal of District Administration of the concerned area for discharging the duty of containment measures; and
- ix. Any other measures as it think fit to control/prevent the epidemic directed by Department of Health & Family Welfare Nagaland.

19. District Disaster Management Committee headed by Deputy Commissioner is authorized for planning strategy regarding containment measure for COVID-19 in their respective Districts. The Deputy Commissioner may co-opt more officers from different departments for District Disaster Management Committee for this activity under these regulations.

20. Penalty:- Any person/institution/organization found violating any clause of these regulations shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of Indian penal Code 1860 (45 of 1860).

21. Protection to person acting under Act: No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 (No.1897) unless proved otherwise.

22. These regulations shall come into force immediately and shall remain valid for a period of one year from the date of publication of this notification.

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Dated Kohima the 28th April 2021

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