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#### NOTIFICATION

**No.D.33011/21/2019-HFW(nCOV)/Pt, the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020.** In the interest of public health and safety and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2, 3 & 4 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (Central Act 3 of 1897), the Government of Mizoram is pleased to issue the following temporary regulations for prevention and containment of COVID - 19 (Corona Virus Disease-2019) :

**1. *Short Title, extent and commencement.* -**

- (1) These regulations may be called 'The Mizoram Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020'.
- (2) They shall extend to the whole State of Mizoram.
- (3) They shall come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

**2. *Definitions* .-**

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) **"Act"** means The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.
- (2) **"regulations"** means 'The Mizoram Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020'
- (3) **"epidemic disease"** means COVID - 19 (CORONA Virus Disease,2019).
- (4) **"Authorized Persons"** means persons authorized under regulation 3 of these regulations.
- (5) **"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.
- (6) **"designated quarantine facility"** means any facility declared by the State Government for the purpose of quarantine of asymptomatic cases.
- (7) **"Isolation Facility"** means any facility declared by the State Government for the purpose of isolation of suspected or probable cases of COVID - 19.
- (8) **"Central Government"** means the Government of India.
- (9) **"State Government"** means the Government of Mizoram.
- (10) **"Official Gazette"** means the Mizoram Gazette.

- 3. *Authorized Persons to act under these Regulations.-***
- (1) **State level:**
- (a) Chief Secretary, Government of Mizoram.
  - (b) Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department
  - (c) Secretary, Home Department
  - (d) Secretary, Law & Judicial Department
  - (e) Secretary, Finance Department
  - (f) Secretary, Transport Department
  - (g) Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department
  - (h) Commissioner, Aizawl Municipal Corporation
  - (i) Principal Director, Health and Family Welfare Department
  - (j) Director, Health Services
  - (k) Director, Hospital & Medical Education
  - (l) Mission Director, National Health Mission
  - (m) Director, Zoram Medical College
  - (n) Airport Director, Lengpui Airport
  - (o) Deputy Superintendent of Police, Airport Security, Lengpui Airport
  - (p) State Nodal Officer, Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme
- (2) **District level:**
- (a) District Collector/Deputy Commissioner
  - (b) Superintendent of Police
  - (c) Chief Medical Officer
  - (d) Medical Superintendent/ DMS, District Hospital
  - (e) District Information & Public Relations Officer
  - (f) District Local Administration Officer
  - (g) Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil)
  - (h) Block Development Officer
  - (i) Senior Medical Officer/District Surveillance Officer
  - (j) Medical Officer In-charge of UPHC/PHC/CHC/SDH
  - (k) Assistant Director, Food & Drugs Administration
  - (l) Police personnel, not below the rank of Sub-Inspector
- (3) Any additional person(s) authorized by the State Government from time to time by notification in the Official Gazette.
- 4. *Duties and Responsibilities of Hospitals.-***
- (1) All hospitals (government & private) shall have separate COVID-19 corner for screening of suspected cases of COVID-19.
  - (2) All hospitals (government & private), during the screening of such cases, shall record:-
    - (i) whether the person has history of travel to any country, state or area where COVID-19 has been reported during the last 28 days; and
    - (ii) Whether the person has come in contact with a suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19.
  - (3) In case the person is falling under regulation 4 (2)(i)&(ii), the hospital shall:
    - (i) if the person is asymptomatic, advise him/her to be in home quarantine for 14 days.
    - (ii) if the person is symptomatic as per case definition of COVID-19, then the person must be isolated in the hospital as per the

guidelines of the Central Government / State Government issued from time to time, till the report of designated laboratory tests are received as negative and as per treatment protocol issued by the Central Government/ State Government from time to time or such period as may be required.

- (4) In case samples are required to be collected, it should be collected and sent to the Designated Laboratories as per the guidelines of the Central Government / State Government issued from time to time.
- (5) Every hospital shall immediately notify all the suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the State Nodal Officer / District Surveillance Officer, Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme.

**5. *Prohibition on dissemination of unauthenticated and inaccurate information of Mizoram on COVID-19 .-***

No person/institution/organization/establishment shall disseminate any unauthenticated and inaccurate information in any manner with regard to information relating to Mizoram on COVID-19.

Provided that with regard to the information of Mizoram on COVID-19, only such information that is/are officially published by the Government of Mizoram, Health & Family Welfare Department through its Principal Director and State Nodal Officer, Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme shall be treated as authentic and accurate information.

**6. *Prohibition of testing of COVID-19 samples by Private Laboratories.-***

- (1) No Private Laboratories shall test samples for COVID-19.
- (2) Sample collection centers may be designated by the Central Government/ State Government from time to time.

**7. *Duties and responsibilities of persons with a history of travel in the last 28 days to a country or area from where COVID-19 has been reported.-***

- (1) Any person with a history of travel in the last 28 days to a country or area from where COVID-19 has been reported must mandatorily report himself/herself on their arrival to the COVID-19 Screening Point designated by the State Government for screening.
- (2) Any person with a history of travel in the last 28 days to a country or area from where COVID-19 has been reported and is asymptomatic should isolate himself/herself in "home quarantine" for 14 days from the date of arrival. Such person must take precautions to avoid direct or indirect contact with any person including family members and shall abide by the Home Quarantine Guidelines issued by the Central Government / State Government from time to time. If such person refuses to be in home quarantine or fails to observe the Home Quarantine Guidelines, he/she shall be quarantined by force, if required by the authorized person(s) in "Home Quarantine" or in "Designated Quarantine Facility" set up by the State Government. If any person who is placed under "Home Quarantine" develops symptoms shall immediately report himself/herself to the State Helpline No.102, 0389 - 2318336 and 0389-2323336 immediately so that necessary measures could be initiated by the State Government.
- (3) Any person with a history of travel in the last 28 days to a country or area from where COVID-19 has been reported and such person is symptomatic, shall be kept under isolation in "Isolation Facility" in

hospital or any such other places designated by the State Government from time to time as an isolation facility for isolation of cases as per protocol till the report of designated laboratory tests are received as negative and as per treatment protocol issued by the Central Government / State Government from time to time or such period as may be required.

8. ***Duties and responsibilities of all travelers from any other country, state or area.-*** All travelers coming from any other country, state or area on their arrival shall report himself/herself to the COVID-19 Screening Point designated by the State Government for screening.
9. ***Duty of persons with no history of travel but having symptoms of COVID-19.-*** Any person with no history of travel but having symptoms of COVID-19 as per the case definition should report himself/herself to the State Helpline No.102, 0389 - 2318336 and 0389-2323336 immediately so that necessary measures could be initiated by the State Government, if required.
10. ***Powers and functions of Authorized Persons.-***
- (1) In cases where any person is/are having a history of travel in the last 28 days to a country or area from where COVID-19 has been reported and such person is/are symptomatic, the authorized persons under these regulations shall have the power, if required, to admit and/or isolate such person(s) in an "Isolation Facility" in hospital or any such other places designated by the State Government from time to time for isolation of cases as per protocol till the report of designated laboratory tests are received as negative and as per treatment protocol issued by the Central Government/ State Government from time to time or such period as may be required.
  - (2) If a person having a history of travel in the last 28 days to a country or area from where COVID-19 has been reported and such person is symptomatic, refuses to be isolated in "Isolation Facility", the authorized persons under these regulations shall have the power to forcefully admit and/or isolate such person in hospitals or any such other places designated by the State Government from time to time as an isolation facility for isolation of cases as per protocol till the report of designated laboratory tests are received as negative and as per treatment protocol issued by the Central Government/ State Government from time to time or such period as may be required.
  - (3) In cases where any person falling under sub-regulation 2 of regulation 7 of these regulations refuses to be in home quarantine or fails to observe the Home Quarantine Guidelines, the authorized persons empowered under these regulations shall have the power to use force for compelling such person to be in "Home Quarantine" or admit such person in "Designated Quarantine Facility" in hospitals or any such other places designated by the State Government from time to time as a quarantine facility as per protocol.
  - (4) If there are sufficient reasons or cause of information to suspect or believe that any person(s) could be infected with COVID-19 and his

continued presence in a premises or area is hazardous to the public health and safety, it shall be lawful for an authorized person(s) to enter upon any such premises or area after giving reasonable opportunity to the owner/occupier, for the purpose of surveillance of instances of fever, cough or respiratory difficulty, enquire into or undertake physical examination as he/she thinks fit, and such person(s) shall be bound to co-operate and render all possible assistance to facilitate such surveillance, inspection, enquiry and examination. If consequent upon such inquiry, inspection, examination or otherwise, the authorized person (s) has reason to believe or suspect that such a person could be infected with COVID-19, the authorized person(s) shall direct or arrange to put that person(s) in "Isolation Facility" in hospital or any such other places designated by the State Government from time to time for isolation of cases as per protocol till the report of designated laboratory tests are received as negative and as per treatment protocol issued by the Central Government/ State Government from time to time or such period as may be required.

**11. Powers of Chief Secretary & District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner to implement containment measures. -**

- (1) In cases of compelling reasons and in the event of COVID-19 cases are being reported from a defined geographic area such as village, town, ward, locality, colony, settlement, the District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district shall have the right to implement the following containment measures under his jurisdiction, but not limited to these, in order to prevent spread of the disease namely:
- (a) Sealing of the geographical area.
  - (b) Barring entry and exit of population from the containment area.
  - (c) Closure of schools, offices, institutions or any establishments and banning public gatherings.
  - (d) Banning vehicular movement in the area.
  - (e) Initiating active and passive surveillance of COVID-19 cases.
  - (f) Hospital isolation of all suspected cases.
  - (g) Designating any building as a quarantine facility or containment unit for isolation of the cases
  - (h) Any other measure as directed by the State Government

Provided that the Chief Secretary of Mizoram shall also have the power to execute the above-mentioned containment measures in cases where such measures are needed to be implemented in the entire state of Mizoram.

- (2) Staff of all Government Departments of the concerned area will be at the disposal of the District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner for discharging the duty of containment measures. If required, the District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner may requisite the services of any other person. In addition, services may be outsourced and persons may be engaged under short term contracts.

- 12. Authorization of District Disaster Management Committee for planning strategy regarding containment measures.-** District Disaster Management Committee headed by the District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner is authorized for planning strategy regarding containment measures for COVID-19 in their respective Districts. The District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner may co-opt more officers from different Departments for District Disaster Management Committee for this activity under these regulations.
- 13. Offences and Penalties.-** Whosoever contravenes any of the provisions of these regulations or disobey any further orders issued by the State Government under these regulations or obstructs the performance of functions, duties and responsibilities enshrined upon any person or authority under these regulations, shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860).
- 14. Protection of action taken in good faith.-** No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against the State Government or any person authorized under these regulations for anything which is done or intended to be done in good faith under these regulations.
- 15. Validity of the Regulations.-** These regulations shall remain valid for a period of one year from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

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