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27<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**ORDER**

**Sub: Constitution of Committees at Ward, Division, Zonal and BBMP Head Office for effective enforcement of wearing of masks and maintaining social distance in the city of Bengaluru.**

- Ref: 1) Notification No.HFW 54 CGM 2020 Bengaluru, Dated 11.03.2020 issued by the Deputy Secretary-2 to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department.**
- 2) Letter No.COMM/PSR/177/2020-202 dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020 addressed to Shri Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Bengaluru requesting for clarifications regarding use of Masks in public places.**
- 3) Proceedings of the COVID-19 – 31<sup>st</sup> Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting held on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 12.00 noon, DHFWS and Via Zoom.**
- 4) Order No.RD 158 TNR 2020 Bengaluru, dated 01.10.2020 issued by the Chief Secretary to Government and Chairman, State Executive Committee, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.**
- 5) Order No.RD 158 TNR 2020 Bengaluru, dated 07.10.2020 issued by the Chief Secretary to Government and Chairman, State Executive Committee, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.**

With reference to the above, the Technical Advisory Committee, Government of Karnataka in its meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020 has dwelt in detail the reference made by the Commissioner, BBMP regarding clarifications on wearing of masks and based on the clarification given it is hereby ordered as follows:

**1) Regarding use of masks in public places**

Sl. No.	Questions	Answers
1)	Whether a person driving alone in a four-wheeler with the window glasses closed should wear a mask?	Wearing of a mask is Mandatory

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2) (a)	Whether an individual driving alone in a four-wheeler without any fellow traveller in the car should wear a mask If the window glasses are open and the car is parked near the traffic signal?	Wearing a mask is mandatory
	<b>Or</b>	
(b)	If he opens the window glasses to talk to a person who has parked next to him?	Wearing a mask is mandatory
3)	Whether a single rider in a two-wheeler without a pillion rider should wear a mask while driving?	Wearing a mask is mandatory
4)	Whether a motorist without a pillion rider should wear a mask while he has stopped the vehicle?	Wearing a mask is mandatory

# If the driver/rider is symptomatic like having fever, cough, cold, throat pain, etc. then wearing of a mask is required

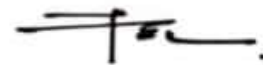
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- a) [https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)-outbreak](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-outbreak)
- b) <https://preventepidemics.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Promoting-Mask-Wearing-During-COVID-19.pdf>

**Note:**

- a) COVID-19 is a viral infection that is pre-dominately transmitted through respiratory droplets like coughing, sneezing, speaking, etc. Facemask when worn by a healthy person is known to protect self and when worn by an infected individual will prevent further spread of infection. Widespread and proper use of appropriate facemasks in a community is known to effectively prevent the spread of infection.

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- b) Everyone should wear a mask whenever they are in public with few exceptions. Use of Mask is particularly important in environments where there is a higher risk of virus transmission. These include indoor environments, and particularly those with any of the "3 Cs":
- closed/confined places with poor ventilation.
  - crowded places with many people.
  - close-contact settings where people may have close conversations.

Mask use is critical in settings where there are people of advanced age or with certain underlying illnesses or health condition.

**2) Guidelines for wearing facemasks in various settings**

Sl. No.	SETTINGS	RECOMMENDATIONS
1)	Home Care / Home Isolation	
a)	Infected Person	Medical Mask (Three Layered)
b)	Care givers for home care	Medical Mask (Three Layered)
c)	Family Members / Contacts	Facemask
2)	Home having person/s under quarantine	Facemask
3)	Healthy Home	No mask
4)	Offices / Workplace	Facemask
5)	Places of Worship	Facemask
6)	Social gatherings (marriage, ceremonies, funeral, etc.)	Facemask
7)	Long term care facilities (old age home, orphanage etc.)	Facemask based on medical advice
8)	Prisons	Facemask based on medical advice
9)	Public transport includes buses, train, metro train, flights	Facemask
10)	Personal transport (car / two-wheeler)	Facemask
11)	Public crowded areas like bus stand, railway stations etc.	Facemask
12)	Restaurants/eat outs/dine-in/bar	Facemask can be removed while eating / drinking Facemask for service giver
13)	Salon / Spa / Barber Shop	Facemask for service giver
14)	Malls / Markets / Shops / Business Outlets	Facemask

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15)	Stadiums / Sports Complex Spectators / Visitors	Facemask
16)	Swimming Pool	No facemask while in pool
17)	Schools / Colleges	Facemask
18)	Cinema Halls	Facemask
19)	Amusement Parks	Facemask
20)	Relief Camps	Facemask
21)	Public Toilets	Facemask

**Note:**

1. Wearing of the mask is exempted while
  - Eating or drinking
  - Practicing or playing musical instruments that are hindered by masks (such as mouth organ, flute, etc.)
  - Activities that involve getting the face wet, such as swimming or showering
  - In circumstances when a person is asked to verify their identity for lawful purposes
  - Communicating with an individual with a hearing Impairment
  - Receiving a dental or medical examination or treatment that cannot be performed through a mask.
2. When two or more persons are in face to face conversation, wearing of facemask is Compulsory.
3. In situations and circumstances not covered vide above, the advice of a public health specialist or treating physician shall be duly followed.
4. It can be difficult for very young children to wear masks. It is recommended that children below 5 years of age need not wear masks\*. This advice is motivated by a "do no harm" approach and considers:
  - Childhood developmental milestones
  - Compliance challenges and
  - Autonomy required to use a mask properlyChildren above 5 years of age shall wear a facemask

\* Reference: WHO and UNICEF advisory on the use of masks for children in the community in the context of COVID-19 dated 21 August 2020.

<https://apps.who.int/iris/rest/bitstreams/1296520/retrieve>

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**3) Details of tests conducted and the positivity rate during the past 4 months in Bengaluru**

	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	*October 2020
Total Positive Cases	52,106	74,696	1,02,458	89,860
Positivity Rate	24.15%	13.45%	12.79%	9.00%
Number of Tests Done	2,15,765	5,55,400	8,01,288	9,98,101

**\*Till 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

From the above table it is seen that the number of tests conducted has been steadily rising and on an average we are conducting nearly 50000 tests per day with a result the positivity rate of the city of Bengaluru is gradually coming down. During the last one week it is seen that the positivity rate has fallen below 10%. We need to continue this trend and aim for a positivity rate for below 5%. Also it is very imperative that there should not be any room for complacency and the same tempo needs to be maintained. One of the most important factor which enables BBMP to bring down the positivity rate is the strict enforcement of COVID appropriate behavior among the citizens of Bengaluru. The BBMP has been doing a lot of IEC activities and appealing to the citizens for strict compliance of the following three Cs and three Ws.

**No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs**

North Block, New Delhi-110001

Dated 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

**ORDER**

In exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned hereby directs that guidelines for Re-opening issued vide Ministry of Home Affairs' Order of even number dated 30.09.2020, will remain in force upto 30.11.2020.

  
27/10/2020  
Union Home Secretary

**and, Chairman, National Executive Committee (NEC)**

**To:**

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories  
(As per list attached)

**Copy to:**

- i. All Members of the National Executive Committee
- ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority