

**Government of Punjab  
Department of Home Affairs & Justice**

To

1. All the Divisional Commissioners and the Deputy Commissioners in the State
2. All the Zonal IGPs, Commissioners of Police, DIGs and SSPs in the State

No.PA/ACSH/2020/09

Dated: Chandigarh, the 12th day of October, 2020.

**Sub: Guidelines on re-opening of more activities in areas outside Containment Zones.**

1. It is in continuation to this office letter No. PA/ACSH/2020/671 dated 1st October, 2020 vide which guidelines alongwith MHA Order dated 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 on re-opening of more activities in areas outside Containment Zones in Punjab to be implemented from 01.10.2020 were circulated.

2. Based on the MHA order dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, it has been decided to allow more activities in areas outside Containment Zones after 15.10.2020 as under:-

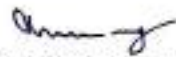
- (i) State Government has decided to reopen Schools and coaching institutions in a graded manner after 15.10.2020 subject to the following conditions:
  - a. On-line/distance learning shall continue to be the preferred mode of teaching and shall be encouraged.
  - b. Students of only classes 9th to 12th are permitted to attend schools/institutions with the parental consent of each student and without making attendance compulsory.
  - c. Attendance must not be enforced and must depend entirely on parental consent.
  - d. Schools which are being allowed to open after 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 will have to mandatorily follow the SOP to be issued by the Department of School Education in consultation with the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Punjab.
- (ii) Higher Educational Institutions only for research scholars (Ph.D) and post-graduate students in science and technology streams requiring laboratories/experimental works are permitted to open after 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 as under:-

For centrally funded Higher Education Institutions, the Head of Institution will satisfy herself/himself that there is a genuine requirement of research scholars (Ph.D) and post - graduate students in science and technology streams requiring laboratories/experimental works. All other Higher Education Institutions e.g. State Universities, Private Universities are also permitted to

to open from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 only for research scholars (Ph.D) and post - graduate students in science and technology streams requiring laboratories/experimental works.

- (iii) Swimming pools to be used for sportspersons are allowed to open after 15.10.2020 as per SOP to be issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MoYA&S), Government of India.
- (iv) Business to Business (B2B) Exhibitions are allowed to open w.e.f.15.10.2020 as per SOP to be issued by the Ministry of Commerce (MoC), Government of India.
- (v) Social/ academic / sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political functions including weddings and funerals and other congregations have already been permitted with a ceiling of 100 persons, outside Containment Zones only. Such gatherings beyond the limit of 100 persons are permitted outside Containment Zones w.e.f. 15.10.2020 subject to the following conditions:-
  - a. In closed spaces, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity is allowed with the ceiling of 200 persons. Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing, provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer shall be mandatory.
  - b. In open spaces, keeping the size of the ground/space in view, with the permission of the District Magistrate and with strict observance of social distancing, mandatory wearing of face masks, provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer.
  - c. Gatherings purely for entertainment shall not be permitted in excess of 100 persons.

3. Please acknowledge and ensure strict compliance.

  
Addl. Chief Secretary (Home)  
12.10.2020

CC:

1. CPS/CM
2. CS
3. PSCM
4. All administrative Secretaries/Registrar - Punjab & Haryana High Court
5. DGP Punjab
6. ADGP-Law & Order