GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Health and Family Welfare (F) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) No. 35/2020/H&FWD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 2nd July, 2020

S. R. O. No. 453/2020

WHEREAS, the Kerala Epidemic Diseases Ordinance, 2020 (18 of 2020) was promulgated by the Hon'ble Governor of Kerala on the 26th day of March, 2020 and published as Notification No. 6650/Leg.H1/2020/Law dated 27th March, 2020 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 998 dated 27th March, 2020.

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AND WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the said Ordinance the Kerala Epidemic Disease Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 were issued by the Government of Kerala under G.O. (P) No. 16/2020/H&FWD dated 29th March, 2020 and published as S.R.O. No. 250/2020 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1003 dated 29th March, 2020;

AND WHEREAS, sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Ordinance empowers the Government to take such other measures as may be necessary for the regulation and prevention of epidemic diseases as decided by the Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the Kerala Epidemic Diseases Ordinance, 2020 (18 of 2020), the Government of Kerala hereby issue the following additional regulations, namely:–

REGULATIONS

1. Short title and commencement.–(1) These Regulations may be called the Kerala Epidemic Disease Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Additional Regulations, 2020.

(2) They shall come into force at once and shall have effect for a period of one year unless otherwise notified.

2. Regulations.–In addition to the Kerala Epidemic Disease Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, all persons and institutions shall observe the following additional regulations.

3. General precautionary measures to be observed by all persons for control of COVID-19.–To control and prevent spreading of COVID-19 in the State following measures shall be followed by all the persons:–

(a) Wearing of Mask/Face Cover.– All persons shall cover their mouth and nose with the mask/face cover in all public places, work places, any place where public have access, all kinds of vehicles and during transport.

(b) Social Distancing.–All persons shall maintain a social distance of six feet between person to person in all public places and functions.
(c) **Marriage Function.**—In all marriage ceremonies and any functions thereafter the maximum number of participants at a time shall not exceed fifty persons. All persons in such ceremonies/functions shall use sanitizer, wear face cover/mask and shall keep a social distance of six feet between them. Organizers of the marriage or functions shall provide sanitizer for the use of the participants.

(d) **Funeral Functions.**—In funeral functions the maximum participants at a time shall not exceed twenty persons and all of them shall wear face cover/mask, use sanitizer and also keep a social distance of six feet between them. In the case of COVID suspected death the standing instructions issued by Government of India and State Government shall be complied.

(e) **Social Gathering.**—No manner of social gathering including get together, processions, dharna, congregation, demonstration etc., shall be conducted without the written permission of the concerned authority. The maximum participants in such social gathering shall not exceed ten persons. The persons participating in such gathering shall wear face cover/mask, use sanitizer and observe a social distance of six feet between them.

(f) **Shops and commercial establishments.**—In shops and all other commercial establishments the maximum number of persons/customers permitted at a time shall not exceed twenty depending on the size of the room to keep social distancing of six feet between persons. All the persons and customers in the shop shall wear face cover/mask and shall observe a social distancing of six feet between them. Owner of the shop shall provide sanitizer for the use of customers.

(g) **Prohibition of spitting in public places.**—No person shall spit in public places, road or footpath.

(h) **Registration in 'COVID-19 Jagratha e-platform'.**—All persons intend to visit Kerala from other States/Union Territories and from any other country shall furnish the details as prescribed in the web enabled 'COVID-19 Jagratha e-platform' established by the Government for contact tracing, ensuring quarantine and other COVID-19 combating measures to minimize the potential of spread of the epidemic.

(i) **Inter-State stage carriage road transport.**—The regular operation of Inter-State stage carriage road transport from and to Kerala by public and private sectors shall remain suspended.
4. The District Collectors shall ensure due compliance of the regulations.

5. Whoever contravenes any of these regulations shall be punishable under the provisions of the Kerala Epidemic Diseases Ordinance, 2020.

By order of the Governor,

RAJAN NAMDEV KHOBRAJADE,

Principal Secretary to Government,

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Government has notified Regulations for control of COVID-19 vide G. O. (P) No. 16/2020/H&FWD dated 29th March, 2020 and published as S.R.O. No. 250/2020 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 1003 dated 29th March, 2020. But now a days there is an increase in report of COVID-19 cases and in some cases the source is not identified. Hence Government have taken decisions to strengthen certain preventive/precautionary measures to be observed by the public in their normal life to control and prevent spreading of COVID-19 case effectively. Hence the Government have decided to notify certain additional regulations.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.