

Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Department of Health and Family Welfare

No. HFW-A-A(3)1/2020

Dated Shimla-2 the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

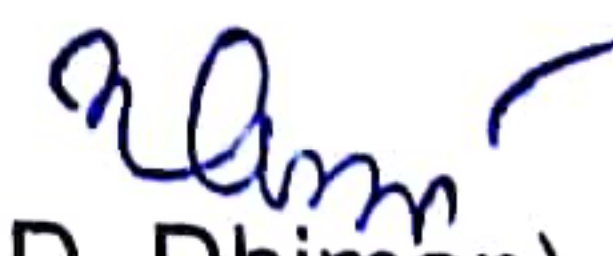
**OFFICE ORDER**

In continuation of this office order of even no. dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and the letter of even no. dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020, and keeping in view, the importance of social distancing measures for prevention and control of local transmission of COVID-19, in exercise of power under Clause 3 of the **Himachal Pradesh Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020** notified vide notification no. HFW-A-A (3)1/2020 dated 14-03-2020 under the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, the following orders are issued in public interest:

1. People are advised to avoid non-essential movement outside their homes in order to obviate any chance of exposure to COVID-19 either from other persons or from the environment as this disease essentially spreads through airborne/droplet or fomite based transmission. In case of unavoidable movement outside, necessary precautions must be taken as advised from time to time.
2. District Authorities will notify the general public that social gatherings such as Satsang/ Jagrata/ Jagrans/ Kirtans/ Parties/ Langar/ Bhoj/ Bhandara/ community kitchen etc. may not be organized till further orders except with the specific permission of the concerned District Magistrate.
3. The entry of public at large in places of religious worship shall be stopped till further orders; however the religious rituals as per the established practice will be continued to be performed and if possible, webcasting of the same may be done by the management of the concerned religious institution. The concerned District Magistrate shall further lay down the modalities for the implementation of this direction in order to avoid any undue harassment to the devotees.

The District Magistrates shall undertake widespread IEC by all possible means for publicity of these decisions so as to reach out to the public within and outside the state since a large number of devotees come from outside the State as well.

This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Chief Minister.



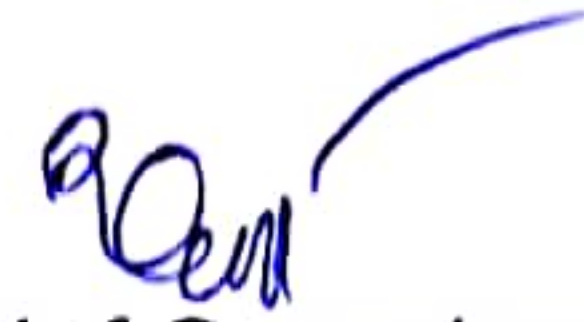
(R.D. Dhiman)

Additional Chief Secretary (Health) to the  
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Endst no. As Above Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. All Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh for necessary enforcement of these orders.
2. All the Administrative Secretaries, Himachal Pradesh
3. Director IPR, with the directions to widely publicize this decision in national media to prevent the inflow of devotees.



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