All offices and educational institutes to remain closed till 3 May

Following the decision of the government of India, the state government has extended the curfew in the state till 3 May, 2020. The state government has directed that all social, cultural, sports, political, religious, academic, family mass gatherings of any kind continues to be banned.

A Spokesperson of the state government said here today that all interstate and intrastate movement of public and private stage and contract carriages including taxis, auto-rickshaws etc. is also prohibited. There will be total prohibition on movement or plying of trains and commercial aircrafts. The private vehicles will be plied only if essentially required for visiting hospitals and for availing/maintenance of essential services.

He said that all offices under the government of Himachal Pradesh will continue to remain closed. The employees have been directed to continue to stay at home and follow all the social distancing guidelines as prescribed from time to time. They have been asked to make themselves available for duty, in case their services required in exigency by their respective Controlling Officer, at short notice.

The Spokesperson said that all educational institutions, schools, colleges, universities, technical and vocational training institutions, ITI's, Polytechnics Engineering Colleges, Medical Colleges, Paramedical Training Institutes, Anganwaris, Creches, Pre-nursery, Gyms schools etc., in the public as well as private sector would also continue to remain closed.

He said that all the beauty parlours, hair cutting saloons, gyms, clubs, swimming pools, golf clubs, sports complexes etc. will also continue to remain closed. Every citizen will have to use mask or homemade face cover while stepping out of premises. He said that these orders will not be applicable to the offices, organizations, commercial establishments, factories, institutions, workshops, godowns, shops, stores, production/manufacturing units, vehicles, hospitals, petrol pumps, oil agencies, e-commerce delivery units etc. charged with essential and emergency services.

He said that few exemptions and exceptions will be allowed in the public interest subject to further restrictions or relaxations, if any imposed/ allowed by the Government of India, the State Government or the concerned District Magistrate from time to time in normal and sensitive areas.

The Spokesperson said that all the Administrative Secretaries and Heads of Departments under the state government will be present in their offices with skeletal bare minimum staff.