KERALA ANNOUNCES GUIDELINES FOR NEXT PHASE OF LOCKDOWN AS PER CENTRAL DIRECTIVES

Liquor shops, bars, barber shops, beauty parlors and gyms will remain closed

Thiruvananthapuram, May 02: In view of the two-week extension of nationwide lockdown, Kerala Chief Minister Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan today announced new guidelines for the state. “These regional exemptions will be in agreement with the general guidelines announced by the central government and the government order will be issued today. All the details will be published on a separate website, where people can check what is allowed and not in their specific area,” the chief minister said.

According to the criteria of no positive case of Kovid-19 in the last 21 days, only Ernakulam district in Kerala would be eligible to be in the Green Zone. After a new case is revealed today, the situation in Wayanad district has changed from Green Zone to Orange. Wayanad was earlier on the list of green zones announced by the Center. Alappuzha and Thirissur districts have moved to the Green Zone, with no coronavirus patients under treatment. Kannur and Kottayam districts are in the Red zone itself. All other districts of the state are in the Orange Zone. The Chief Minister said that the zone list may change as per the situation of the patients. Containment zones inside the red zone will have full lockdown without any exemptions.

Public transport, public gatherings, cinema theaters, religious places, public events, malls, liquor shops, barber shops, beauty parlors, gyms, educational institutions etc. are not allowed to be opened across the state. Everything will be closed on Sunday including driving.

Government offices can operate with 50% attendance of A and B category employees and 33% attendance of C and D category employees. They can also provide non-essential services.

In the Green Zone, shops can remain open six days a week between 7am and 7.30pm while the current situation in the Orange Zone will continue. Taxis can operate two passengers. Inter-district travel may be permitted for a maximum of two persons between 7 am and 7.30 pm.

The Chief Minister also announced the formation of ward and district level monitoring committees to monitor senior citizens, sick persons and people under quarantine after returning from abroad or out of state.

He also informed that a decision will be taken soon to bring back the Malayali stranded in other states. He said, "As soon as the central government decides to bring back the migrants, the Kerala government is ready for migrant Malayalis to come." He said that there are all arrangements for migrant people inside and outside the country. He also welcomed the decision of the Center to run special non-stop trains to send migrant workers to their native states.

Kovid-19 news from Kerala,
eight people are cured, two new cases today, treatment for total 96 patients continues
Thiruvananthapuram, May 02: Two new cases of Kovid-19 were confirmed in Kerala today, one in Wayanad district and one in Kannur district. One of them has come back from outside the state, and the other is a case of local broadcasting. With a new case reported, the situation in Wayanad district has changed from Green zone to Orange zone.

Meanwhile, the results of eight people who were undergoing treatment for coronavirus came out negative today. There are six patients from Kannur district and two from Idukki district who have recovered from the disease. So far, 499 cases of Kovid-19 have been confirmed in Kerala, and 96 patients are currently undergoing treatment in various districts of the state.

There are 21,894 persons in isolation in various districts across the state. Of these, 21,484 persons are at their homes and 410 in hospitals. Today 80 people were admitted to the hospital. So far 31,183 samples have been sent for testing, and 30,358 samples have shown no infection. 2,093 samples have been collected and tested from people in the high-risk group, and so far no infection has been detected in 1,234 samples.

Currently, there are 38 Kovid-19 patients in Kannur district, 18 in Kottayam district, and 12-12 in Kollam and Idukki districts.

There are 80 hotspots in the state, 23 in Kannur district, and 11 each in Kottayam and Idukki districts. This was announced by the Chief Minister of Kerala, Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan during his daily briefing today.

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