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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY (HEALTH)
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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 2, 3 & 4 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, the Administrator U T of Lakshadweep is pleased to issue following regulations regarding COVID-19 (Novel Corona Virus Disease-2019)

1. These regulations may be called “The Lakshadweep Epidemic Disease, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020”.


3. Authorised person under these Regulations are Additional District Magistrate, Director Health Services, SDO’s/DC’s in the islands and Officers as authorised by the Secretary (Health) U T of Lakshadweep.

4. All Hospitals/Primary Health Centres/First-Aid Centres should have CORONA CELL for screening of suspected cases of COVID-19.

5. All Hospitals/Primary Health Centres/First-Aid Centres during screening of such cases shall record the history of travel of the person if he/she travels to any country/state or area where COVID-19 has been reported. In addition the history of coming in contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 shall be recorded.

   I. In case the person has any such history in last 14 days and the person is asymptomatic then the person must be kept in home quarantine for 14 days from the day of exposure.
II. In case the person has any such history in last 14 days and the person is symptomatic as per case definition of COVID-19, person must be isolated in a hospital as per protocol and will be tested for COVID-19 as per protocol.

III. Information of all such case should be given to Office of Director of Health Services immediately.

6. No person/institution/organisation will use any print or electronic media including social media for disseminating any rumour or unauthenticated information regarding COVID-19. In case, any person/institution/organisation is found indulging in such activity, it will be treated as a punishable offence under these regulations.

7. Any person with a history of travel in last 14 days to a country/state/area from where COVID-19 have been reported, whether with or without any symptoms must report to nearest Hospital/Primary Health Centre or at Helpline number ******* or Toll free Number 104 so that necessary measures if required may be intimated by Health Department.

8. All persons with a history of travel to a country/state/area from where COVID-19 has been reported in last 14 days, but who do not have any symptoms of cough, fever, difficulty in breathing, should isolate themselves at home and cover their mouth and nose with a mask. Such persons must take precautions to avoid contact with any person including family members for 14 days from the date of arrival from such area and follow the instructions for home quarantine as given by the Director Health Services, UT of Lakshadweep.

9. No person with any symptoms of cough, fever, difficulty in breathing etc., should be permitted to board in any ship or vessel operated by the Lakshadweep Administration or its agencies except after evaluation by the competent medical authority.

10. Authorised persons as per Section 3 of this regulation is authorised to admit a person and isolate a person if required in
case he/she has a history of visit to an area where COVID-19 is endemic and the concerned person is symptomatic.

11. If a suspected case of COVID-19 refuses admission or isolation, the officers authorised under Section 3 of these regulations will have powers to forcefully admit and isolate such case for a period of 14 days from the onset of symptoms or till the reports of Lab test are received, or such period as may be necessary.

12. If there are sufficient reasons, cause or information to suspect or believe that any persons could be infected with COVID-19 and his continued presence in a premise is hazardous to the public safety, it shall be lawful for a Surveillance Personnel to enter any such premises, after giving reasonable opportunity to the owner/occupier, for the purpose of surveillance of instances of fever or cough or respiratory difficulty; enquire into or undertake physical examination, as he/she thinks fit, and such person(s) shall be bound to cooperate and render all possible assistance to facilitate such surveillance, inspection, enquiry and examination.

13. If consequent upon such enquiry, inspection, examination or otherwise, Surveillance Personnel has reason to believe or suspect that such a person could be infected with COVIR-19, the Surveillance Personnel may direct/arrange to put that person(s) in home quarantine or direct/escort that person(s) to an ‘Institutional Quarantine Facility’ or an ‘Isolation Facility’.

14. If the owner or occupier(s) of any premises or any individual suspected/confirmed with COVID-19, refuses to take measures for prevention or treatment i.e., Home quarantine/Institutional Quarantine/Isolation or any such person refuses to co-operate with, render assistance to or comply with the directions of the Surveillance Personnel, the Concerned SDO/Executive Magistrate having jurisdiction, may pass an appropriate order and may proceed with proceedings under section 133 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) or take any other coercive action as deemed necessary and expedient for enforcing such
cooperation and assistance. In case of a minor, such Order shall be
directed to the guardian or any other adult member of the family of
the minor.
15. All advisories issued/ to be issued by the Government of India
on COVID-19 will ipso-facto be treated as directions under these
Regulations in UT of Lakshadweep.
16. To prevent the spread of COVID-19 in UT of Lakshadweep, the
District Collector/District Magistrate and the Secretary (Health),
UT of Lakshadweep shall have the power to issue any orders, for
the following purposes:
   i. Sealing of any area or island or islands;
   ii. Barring entry and exit of population from the entire UT of
      Lakshadweep or any particular island or islands;
   iii. Closure of schools, offices and banning public gathering;
   iv. Banning vehicular movement;
   v. Banning the sailing of Ships or vessels operated by
      Lakshadweep Administration or its agencies;
   vi. Initiating active and passive surveillance of COVID-19
      cases;
   vii. Hospital isolation of all suspected cases;
   viii. Designation of any Government building or building
        owned by governmental agencies as containment unit for
        isolation of the cases;
   ix. Put the staff of all Government Department at the
       disposal of Director Health Services for discharging the
duty of containment measures, if required; and
   x. Any other measure as directed by the Administrator, UT
      of Lakshadweep.
17. **Penalty:** Any person/institution/organisation found violating
any provision of these regulations shall be deemed to have
committed an offence punishable under Section 188 of IPC (45 of
1860). The Secretary (Health), District Collector/District Magistrate
or SDO’s of an island may impose penalty on any person if found
violating provisions of these regulations or any other orders issued under these regulations.

18. **Protection of person acting under the regulation**: No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under this Act unless proved otherwise.

19. These regulations shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain valid for a period of one year from the date of publication of this notification or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

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