Standard Operating Protocol- Department of State Transport, Haryana

Standard Operating Protocol to be adopted regarding inter-state travel in buses of Haryana Roadways.

1. Department of State Transport shall make wide publicity of Intra-State and Inter-State routes being operated from time to time on 01st June, 2020 on department website and through Print Media for facilitating passenger movement.

2. The buses being employed for ferrying passengers should be fully sanitized inside out.

3. Sanitiser bottles must be kept inside the buses at all times and must be used by the bus staff from time to time at regular intervals.

4. The wearing of masks by everyone aboard the bus and on bus stands must be strictly adhered to by all. All passengers should carry sanitizers with them.

5. The passengers intending to undertake travel must carry their identity proofs and tickets, in either electronic mode or physical form.

6. The bus staff as well as passengers must have aarogya setu app downloaded in their mobile phones while they travel with all relevant details filled in. The app should be functional at all times.

7. It must be ensured that the staff and passengers are free of any NCOViD symptoms. If any such person is aboard, he or she must immediately be de-boarded and sent home and the people in contact with him must be home quarantined for fourteen days.

8. While passengers are boarding, their thermal screening must be ensured by the staff deployed there. No passenger should be allowed to board if he or she is running high temperature. The staff doing thermal screening must be wearing PPE kit while doing the screening and should sanitise themselves properly and adequately.

9. The number of passengers aboard one bus shall not exceed 30-35 depending upon extent of purchase of multiple tickets.

10. The passengers shall ensure following NCOViD protocol and shall maintain physical distancing at bus stands and in the bus, not spit inside the bus or outside and at bus stands and other public places, cover their faces while sneezing and coughing.

for Director State Transport, Haryana, Chandigarh.
Subject: Regarding the Guidelines for the period starting 01.06.2020 in terms of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1, Dated 30.05.2020.

This is with reference to this office letter no. 19464-19590/AT-2/ST-II, dated 20.05.2020 on the subject cited above.

It is stated that Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has issued order No. 40-3/2020-DM-1, Dated 30.05.2020 under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 along with lockdown measures to be taken by Ministries and Departments of Government of India and State Governments/Union Territories to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

The consolidated guidelines by incorporating changes made on the lockdown measures vide order dated 30.05.2020 issued by Government of India is available on the website of Ministry of Home Affairs (www.mha.gov.in). The relevant extract of the above said guidelines are as under:-

1. The below mentioned passenger vehicles can ply while observing the following seating capacity limits:
   (i) The Taxies and Cab Aggregator will be allowed to ply with a maximum of two passengers in addition to the driver. This means that there will be a maximum of three persons in the vehicle.
   (ii) The Maxi Cabs can ply with a maximum of half of their seating capacity.
   (iii) Auto Rickshaws are allowed to ply with 2 persons in addition to the auto driver and the E-rickshaws are also allowed to carry 2 persons in addition to the E-rickshaw driver.
   (iv) The one pillion rider will be allowed on the Two Wheelers and it shall be mandatory for both the persons to wear helmets, masks and gloves.
   (v) The Manually driven rickshaws shall carry not more than 2 passengers.

2. Only essential activities are allowed in the Containment Zones. Therefore the movement within a Containment Zone shall be strictly regulated and allowed only for emergency and essential goods/services vehicles.

3. All drivers and passengers are advised to install the Aarogya Setu application on compatible mobile phones and regularly update their health status on the app.

4. The movement of individuals shall remain strictly prohibited between 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM, except for essential activities.

5. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home, except for essential and heath purposes.

6. All drivers and passengers should cover their face with mask or dupatta at all times.

7. Motor vehicles should be regularly sanitized and the drivers & passengers should regularly use sanitizers.

8. Social distancing shall be followed by all persons at all times.

9. Provisions of hand wash and sanitizers will be made at all Taxi/Auto stands.

10. Drivers at Taxi/Auto stands shall maintain safe social distance from each other.
It is also brought to the kind notice that the movement within a containment zone shall be strictly regulated and allowed only for emergency and essential goods/services vehicles. Wearing of face cover is compulsory. Social distancing shall be followed by all persons at all times.

You are accordingly requested to ensure the adherence of the aforementioned directions by all concerned officers/officials working under your kind control.

(Yaminder Sharma)
Superintendent,
Transport Commissioner,
Haryana, Chandigarh.

Ends:

A copy of above is forwarded to:
1. Director General of Police, Haryana, Panchkula for kind information with the request to ensure the adherence of the above instructions in letter and spirit.
2. Senior Secretary/Transport Minister for kind information of Hon’ble Transport Minister, Haryana.
3. PS/PS(T) for kind information of Worthy Principal Secretary to Government of Haryana, Transport Department.
4. PS/TC for kind information of Worthy Transport Commissioner, Haryana.

(Yaminder Sharma)
Superintendent,
Transport Commissioner,
Haryana, Chandigarh.