Whereas, Novel Corona Virus is assuming grave threat to the health of general public in the state;

And whereas, the Virus is believed to be spreading through droplets;

And whereas, masks have been found to be extremely useful in controlling and containment of spread of Novel Corona Virus as seen from several Global and National experiences;

And whereas, it is imperative to adopt strict social distancing and isolation measures to contain the spread of COVID-19; and

Now, therefore, in exercising the powers conferred on the State Executive Committee under section 24(1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005;

"The general public is directed to cover their mouth and nose with any available form of mask while stepping out of house for any purpose. A handkerchief or any other piece of cloth in at least two layers can also be used for the purpose, until further orders.

The District/ Municipal Authorities are directed to ensure prevention of crowding and also ensure use of any form of masks/ clothes such as handkerchiefs, bandanas, gamuchha, dupatta etc. by the people, while stepping out of their houses. District/ Municipal Authorities are also directed to implement the above decision strictly.

In case people are using disposable/ single use masks, such masks shall be properly disposed of by following due procedure prescribed by Health & Family Welfare Department. Cloth masks should be cleaned with soap/ detergent/ disinfectant and water and sun dried for at least 5 hours after every single use. Masks used by one person must not be used by any other person.

A draft advisory for use of cloth masks is also available in the official website of the Health & Family Welfare Department (health.odisha.gov.in).

This order shall take effect from 7 am of 9th April 2020.
Memo No. 2127/R&DM(DM) Date: 06.04.2020

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