



No. COMM/PSR/ 243 /2020-21

27th October 2020

ORDER

Sub: Constitution of Committees at Ward, Division, Zonal and BBMP Head Office for effective enforcement of wearing of masks and maintaining social distance in the city of Bengaluru.

- Ref: 1) Notification No.HFW 54 CGM 2020 Bengaluru, Dated 11.03.2020 issued by the Deputy Secretary-2 to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department.**
- 2) Letter No.COMM/PSR/177/2020-202 dated 26th August 2020 addressed to Shri Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Bengaluru requesting for clarifications regarding use of Masks in public places.**
- 3) Proceedings of the COVID-19 – 31st Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting held on Saturday, 29th August 2020 at 12.00 noon, DHFWS and Via Zoom.**
- 4) Order No.RD 158 TNR 2020 Bengaluru, dated 01.10.2020 issued by the Chief Secretary to Government and Chairman, State Executive Committee, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.**
- 5) Order No.RD 158 TNR 2020 Bengaluru, dated 07.10.2020 issued by the Chief Secretary to Government and Chairman, State Executive Committee, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.**

With reference to the above, the Technical Advisory Committee, Government of Karnataka in its meeting held on 29th August 2020 has dwelt in detail the reference made by the Commissioner, BBMP regarding clarifications on wearing of masks and based on the clarification given it is hereby ordered as follows:

1) Regarding use of masks in public places

Sl. No.	Questions	Answers
1)	Whether a person driving alone in a four-wheeler with the window glasses closed should wear a mask?	Wearing of a mask is Mandatory

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2) (a)	Whether an individual driving alone in a four-wheeler without any fellow traveller in the car should wear a mask If the window glasses are open and the car is parked near the traffic signal?	Wearing a mask is mandatory
	Or	
(b)	If he opens the window glasses to talk to a person who has parked next to him?	Wearing a mask is mandatory
3)	Whether a single rider in a two-wheeler without a pillion rider should wear a mask while driving?	Wearing a mask is mandatory
4)	Whether a motorist without a pillion rider should wear a mask while he has stopped the vehicle?	Wearing a mask is mandatory

If the driver/rider is symptomatic like having fever, cough, cold, throat pain, etc. then wearing of a mask is required

• References

- a) [https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)-outbreak](https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-outbreak)
- b) <https://preventepidemics.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Promoting-Mask-Wearing-During- COVID-19.pdf>

Note:

- a) COVID-19 is a viral infection that is pre-dominately transmitted through respiratory droplets like coughing, sneezing, speaking, etc. Facemask when worn by a healthy person is known to protect self and when worn by an infected individual will prevent further spread of infection. Widespread and proper use of appropriate facemasks in a community is known to effectively prevent the spread of infection.

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- b) Everyone should wear a mask whenever they are in public with few exceptions. Use of Mask is particularly important in environments where there is a higher risk of virus transmission. These include indoor environments, and particularly those with any of the "3 Cs":
- closed/confined places with poor ventilation.
 - crowded places with many people.
 - close-contact settings where people may have close conversations.

Mask use is critical in settings where there are people of advanced age or with certain underlying illnesses or health condition.

2) Guidelines for wearing facemasks in various settings

Sl. No.	SETTINGS	RECOMMENDATIONS
1)	Home Care / Home Isolation	
a)	Infected Person	Medical Mask (Three Layered)
b)	Care givers for home care	Medical Mask (Three Layered)
c)	Family Members / Contacts	Facemask
2)	Home having person/s under quarantine	Facemask
3)	Healthy Home	No mask
4)	Offices / Workplace	Facemask
5)	Places of Worship	Facemask
6)	Social gatherings (marriage, ceremonies, funeral, etc.)	Facemask
7)	Long term care facilities (old age home, orphanage etc.)	Facemask based on medical advice
8)	Prisons	Facemask based on medical advice
9)	Public transport includes buses, train, metro train, flights	Facemask
10)	Personal transport (car / two-wheeler)	Facemask
11)	Public crowded areas like bus stand, railway stations etc.	Facemask
12)	Restaurants/eat outs/dine-in/bar	Facemask can be removed while eating / drinking Facemask for service giver
13)	Salon / Spa / Barber Shop	Facemask for service giver
14)	Malls / Markets / Shops / Business Outlets	Facemask



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15)	Stadiums / Sports Complex Spectators / Visitors	Facemask
16)	Swimming Pool	No facemask while in pool
17)	Schools / Colleges	Facemask
18)	Cinema Halls	Facemask
19)	Amusement Parks	Facemask
20)	Relief Camps	Facemask
21)	Public Toilets	Facemask

Note:

1. Wearing of the mask is exempted while
 - Eating or drinking
 - Practicing or playing musical instruments that are hindered by masks (such as mouth organ, flute, etc.)
 - Activities that involve getting the face wet, such as swimming or showering
 - In circumstances when a person is asked to verify their identity for lawful purposes
 - Communicating with an individual with a hearing Impairment
 - Receiving a dental or medical examination or treatment that cannot be performed through a mask.
2. When two or more persons are in face to face conversation, wearing of facemask is Compulsory.
3. In situations and circumstances not covered vide above, the advice of a public health specialist or treating physician shall be duly followed.
4. It can be difficult for very young children to wear masks. It is recommended that children below 5 years of age need not wear masks*. This advice is motivated by a "do no harm" approach and considers:
 - Childhood developmental milestones
 - Compliance challenges and
 - Autonomy required to use a mask properly
 Children above 5 years of age shall wear a facemask

* Reference: WHO and UNICEF advisory on the use of masks for children in the community in the context of COVID-19 dated 21 August 2020.

(<https://apps.who.int/iris/rest/bitstreams/1296520/retrieve>)

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3) **Details of tests conducted and the positivity rate during the past 4 months in Bengaluru**

	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	*October 2020
Total Positive Cases	52,106	74,696	1,02,458	89,860
Positivity Rate	24.15%	13.45%	12.79%	9.00%
Number of Tests Done	2,15,765	5,55,400	8,01,288	9,98,101

*Till 25th October 2020

From the above table it is seen that the number of tests conducted has been steadily rising and on an average we are conducting nearly 50000 tests per day with a result the positivity rate of the city of Bengaluru is gradually coming down. During the last one week it is seen that the positivity rate has fallen below 10%. We need to continue this trend and aim for a positivity rate for below 5%. Also it is very imperative that there should not be any room for complacency and the same tempo needs to be maintained. One of the most important factor which enables BBMP to bring down the positivity rate is the strict enforcement of COVID appropriate behavior among the citizens of Bengaluru. The BBMP has been doing a lot of IEC activities and appealing to the citizens for strict compliance of the following three Cs and three Ws.

Avoid 3 Cs

Closed Spaces with poor ventilation
Crowds (more than 2 is a crowd)
Close contact settings (close-range conversations)

Follow 3 Ws

3 Ws can make a Big difference

Watch your distance: remain six feet of people
Wear a mask: Public Places
Wash your hands

It is observed that inspite of large IEC activities and appeal to the citizens for wearing of masks and maintaining social distance at all public places, it is found that some of the citizens are blatantly violating the COVID-19 directives and accordingly a penalty of Rs.250/- is being imposed for every such willful violation. The BBMP has also engaged nearly 220 Marshals who are retired army personnel and these Marshals have been relentlessly working in the field alongwith the police personnel for ensuring no violation of wearing of masks and social distance is observed.

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Further it is felt that more stringent measures are required by the BBMP and the Police authorities for ensuring there is absolutely no violation in the COVID-19 directives and every citizen as soon as he comes out of his house will wear masks in public places and also maintains social distance. Hence, the following committees are being formed in all the 198 Wards, 27 divisions, 8 Zones and at the head office level. The Committees consists of the following members:

Sl. No.	Ward Level Committee
1)	Assistant Engineer
2)	Senior Health Inspector
3)	Ward Marshal
4)	A suitable Police Officer to be nominated by the Police Commissioner

This Committee will go around in the Wards and if they see citizens violating the direction regarding compulsory wearing of Masks and maintaining Social distance, Penalty will be imposed.

Sl. No.	Divisional Level Committee
1)	Executive Engineer
2)	Medical Officer of Health
3)	A Senior Police Officer to be nominated by the Police Commissioner

This Committee will review the functioning of the Ward Level Committee every week.

Sl. No.	Zonal Level Committee
1)	Joint Commissioner
2)	Chief Engineer
3)	Health Officer
4)	Zonal Marshal Supervisor
5)	A Senior Police Officer to be nominated by the Police Commissioner

This Committee will review the reports received from the Divisional Committee regarding effective Enforcement by Ward Committees.

Sl. No.	BBMP Head Office Committee
1)	Shri Naveen Raj Singh, IAS
2)	Shri D. Randeep, Special Commissioner (Solid Waste Management)
3)	Shri Sarfaraz Khan, Joint Commissioner (Solid Waste Management)
4)	Col. Rajbir Singh, Chief Marshal Officer
5)	Zonal Marshal Supervisors - 08
6)	Chief Health Officer (Public Health)
7)	Chief Engineer (Solid Waste Management)
8)	A Senior Police Officer to be nominated by the Police Commissioner



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The Divisional Level Committee will meet once in a week to monitor and guide the Ward Level Committees in enforcing the above directions and similarly the Zonal Committees will meet every week to monitor the enforcement at the respective Zones and the Committee at the Head Office will similarly meet once in a week to review the enforcement in the entire city.

Each level will send a detailed report to the next level in terms of the compliance of this order.


(N. MANJUNATHA PRASAD) 27/10/2020
COMMISSIONER

BRUHATH BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Copy for information and necessary action to:

- 1) The Police Commissioner, Bengaluru City, Infantry Road, Bengaluru
- 2) Shri Naveen Raj Singh, IAS, Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru and Chairperson, Task Force on Masks and Social Distancing Enforcement in BBMP area and BBMP Head Office Committee
- 3) Shri D. Randeep, Special Commissioner (Solid Waste Management), BBMP, Bengaluru
- 4) Shri Sarfaraz Khan, Joint Commissioner (Solid Waste Management), BBMP, Bengaluru
- 5) All Joint Commissioners / Chief Engineers / Executive Engineers and MoHs of Zones, Assistant Engineers / Senior Health Inspectors, BBMP, Bengaluru with directions to inform the concerned officers under your jurisdiction.
- 6) Chief Engineer (SWM), BBMP, Bengaluru
- 7) Chief Health Officer (Public Health), BBMP, Bengaluru
- 8) Col. Rajbir Singh, Chief Marshal Officer, BBMP, Bengaluru and Zonal Marshals with directions to inform the Marshals under your jurisdiction
- 9) Office copy

Copy for information to:

- 1) Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Urban Development Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru.
- 2) Shri Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Bengaluru.
- 3) The Hon'ble Administrator, BBMP, Bengaluru.