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COVID-19 Advisory



“These are challenging times for businesses. We as wealth & livelihood creators and as responsible corporate citizens, have to take conscious business decisions to tackle the impact of COVID 19. It is critically important that as a cost cutting measure, we do not resort to retrenchment especially of blue-collar workers and contract workers as this would bring much hardship and uncertainty to ordinary people. Instead, the senior management may explore the possibility of a pay cut for top leadership of the company.”

Vikram Kirloskar
President, CII

News Updates

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) issues directions to all Educational Institutions and Examination Boards regarding precautions to be taken in light of COVID-19

MHRD issues directions to UGC, AICTE, NTA, NIOS, CBSE, NCTE and all autonomous organisations under it for the postponement of all examinations till 31st March, 2020 as a precautionary measure. MHRD has urged the students and teachers not to panic and will ensure safety and security of all the students.

Indian Navy sets up Quarantine Facility at Visakhapatnam

In an effort to augment Nation's fight against the spread of CoViD-19, Indian Navy has set up a Quarantine Camp at INS Vishwakarma in Eastern Naval Command (ENC) for Indian nationals to be evacuated from CoViD 19 affected countries.

Ministry of External Affairs issues FAQ's on new visa restrictions in view of the COVID 19 pandemic

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) issues FAQ on Covid-19 related travel restrictions for Indian expatriates and foreigners.

Qatar implements a series of measures to contain Coronavirus, COVID-19

Qatar has stopped all incoming flights into the country, except cargo and transit passenger flights, in a bid to stem the spread of the coronavirus. The country also announced nationwide closure of schools and universities and has advised students to start studying remotely from March 22.

State Advisories

Department of Public Health - Government of Maharashtra issues guidelines regarding reducing the usage of Air Conditioning Systems

The Department of Public Health, Maharashtra implements new social distancing rules and instructs the officers to increase ventilation in offices and adjust air conditioning accordingly.

Public Health Department - Government of Maharashtra guidelines on separation of International travellers arriving from UAE, USA, Qatar, Oman and Kuwait

Maharashtra's Department of Health confirms that all passengers transiting through or arriving from UAE, Oman, Kuwait and Qatar would be subject to a mandatory quarantine of a minimum period of 14 days upon their arrival in the country beginning March 18.

One positive case in, Raipur Chhattisgarh

All the shops, establishments, Clubs, Restaurant has been asked to shut down and section 144 imposed in Raipur as precautionary measure

Necessary arrangements to be made at the distribution centre and at polling stations with specific instructions to take due care of the safety of the Polling personnel engaged in the ZP Election process.

The Zilla Panchayat Election Officer, (ZPEO) North Goa to review the preparedness of the upcoming Zila Panchayat (ZP) elections on 22 March. All polling stations directed be adequately sanitized and large gathering of polling personnel on the day of distribution to be avoided.

Government of Goa issues guidelines on use of masks by Public

Health Department, Goa requests the public not to wear masks unless required as it gives a false sense of security to the people, and also builds a false narrative in front of the other people, that the person wearing a mask might be infected.

International Advisories

Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates (CBUAE) announces AED 100 billion Targeted Economic Support Scheme to contain the repercussions of the pandemic COVID-19

Central Bank of the UAE adopts a number of measures in an effort to support the economy and protect consumers. The purpose of the targeted scheme is to facilitate provision of temporary relief from the payments of principal and interest on outstanding loans for all affected private sector companies and retail customers in the UAE.

The Ministry of Manpower (MOM), Singapore implements additional precautionary measures for all new and existing work pass holders entering/returning to Singapore.

To further reduce the risk of importation of COVID-19, the Singapore government issues travel advisories against all non-essential travel abroad and more restrictions on travellers coming into Singapore. All travellers (including Singapore Residents, Long Term Pass holders, and short-term visitors) entering Singapore with recent travel history to countries like Japan, Switzerland, or the United Kingdom within the last 14 days will be issued a 14-day Stay-Home Notice (SHN). These individuals to provide proof of the place where they will serve the 14-day SHN.

Covid-19: Fees reduced, cancelled under Abu Dhabi stimulus package

Abu Dhabi announces a stimulus package to support the private sector and prioritise supporting start-ups. Dh5 billion allocated to subsidise water and electricity for citizens, commercial and industrial users.

Notifications

The Government of Himachal Pradesh issues notification for operations of the local government offices

The Government of Himachal Pradesh issues notification for the operations of the Government offices / buildings in Himachal Pradesh as a preventive measure against Coronavirus. Besides the general protocols, the government in its notification has suggested its employees to maintain social distancing and correspondence through email to be encouraged to the extent possible. Older and pregnant employees have been advised to take extra precautions.

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) issues guidelines on COVID19 testing in India

ICMR issues a notification giving the strategy for preventing community transmission for COVID 19 testing. It has laid out the guidelines for private sector laboratories intending to initiate COVID19 testing in the notification. ICMR has strongly appealed to the private laboratories that diagnosis should be offered free of cost.

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) issues guidelines to expeditiously settle hospitalisation claims related to the disease under health policies.

IRDAI instructs insurance companies to efficiently and diligently handle cases for coronavirus infection that has impacted thousands of people across the world. The IRDAI

instructions issued under the provisions of Section 14(2) (e) of IRDA Act, 1999, come into force with immediate effect.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) issues guidelines on preventive measures to be taken by trade associations and its members.

DPIIT requests trade associations like Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to issue an advisory to its members to increase CSR activities to support public health systems and livelihood of daily wage workers.

Department of Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare, Government of Jharkhand issues notification to take legal action against any person refusing to get tested for coronavirus.

Mr Hemant Soren, Chief Minister, Jharkhand directs all the Deputy Commissioners to use the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act and legal action to be taken against any common person or suspected infected patient on refusal of investigation

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) extends deadlines, relaxes norms

SEBI has relaxed many provisions like LoDR including half yearly filing of share certificate transfers, quarterly filing of statement relating to investor complaints, shareholding pattern and Corporate Governance Report and quarterly and annual filing of annual reports etc. SEBI has also relaxed the mandatory maximum 120 days time gap between any two meetings of the audit committee and Board meetings.

Factories to remain functional

The state governments of Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Karnataka, Kerala & Chhattisgarh has informed that there is no notification on factory shutdown. DPIIT has urged the factory owners to ensure proper sanitisation for the safety of the workers.

Research & Development Tracker on Coronavirus

This section deals with various Research and Development initiatives by countries, pharmaceutical companies, and other technological interventions. ([Read more...](#))

