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UPDATE ON COVID 2019 ADVISORIES AND NOTIFICATIONS (22 March 2020)

News Updates

Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India interacts with leaders of Pharma Industry via video conferencing.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with the leaders of Pharma industry via video conferencing. He reiterated that pharma producers and distributors have a crucial role to play in combating the challenge of COVID-19 in ensuring maintenance of supply lines of essential medicines, medical kits and equipment. Industry should come up with new and innovative solutions. The Government has approved schemes worth Rs 10,000 crores and Rs 4,000 crores respectively in order to ensure production of critical drugs and medical equipment within the country.

Lockdown in 75 districts; trains, metros, interstate-state bus services shut till March 31 in India

At a high-level meeting called by the Cabinet Secretary, Government of India, the Chief secretaries of all the states, decided to extend restrictions on the movement of non-essential passenger transport, including interstate-state transport buses till March 31. It also decided to allow only essential services to operate in the 75 districts of the country till March 31 in wake of the coronavirus outbreak in India.

Government caps prices of hand sanitizers, masks; States and Union Territories asked to maintain essential supplies

Government has issued orders to cap the retail prices of hand sanitizers at Rs 100 per bottle of 200 ml and fixed the price of surgical mask. Shri Pawan Agarwal, Secretary, Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies said that distillers have been asked to ramp up production of Ethyl Alcohol.

Government of Maldives contributes USD 200,000 to COVID-19 Emergency Fund

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed deep appreciation for Government of Maldives contribution to the Emergency fund and said that the contribution strengthens the resolve in the collective fight against pandemic COVID-19.

New South Wales and Victoria are taking extreme measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus.

New South Wales and Victoria are pushing ahead with a lock down of all essential activities which will see schools, restaurants and most businesses close in the next 48 hours.

Western Australia to shut its border to curb the Coronavirus crisis

Western Australia Premier Mark McGowan announced that anyone enters Western Australia from inter-state will have to self-isolate for 14 days. And there will be strict controls for all access points including ground, air and sea.

Singapore puts additional border control measures to reduce further importation of COVID-19

In view of heightened risk, all short-term visitors will not be allowed to enter or transit through Singapore from March 23, 2020. Even the work pass holders will have limited entry.

Central Advisories and Notifications

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India notifies for COVID-19 testing in private laboratories in India

The guidelines laid down by the Indian Council for Medical Research for COVID-19 testing in private laboratories in India has been notified by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under the power delegated for strict follow up and compliance.

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India issues advisory to all State Governments and Union Territories to enhance production of hand sanitisers and to ensure its availability

The Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs has issued an advisory to States and Union Territories to grant necessary permissions on account of licensing and storage of Ethyl alcohol to the sanitizer industry and ensure its availability to the sanitizer industry and they should be encouraged to enhanced their production.

Ministry of Railways issues advisory regarding cleaning and sanitization of coaches when corona infected / suspected passengers travel

The Railways Board, Ministry of Railways has issued an advisory to prevent spreading of COVID-19 if Corona infected / suspected person travel in the coaches. It has given detailed advisory on the action to be taken at next station and at the terminating station.

State Advisories and Notifications

NCT of Delhi under lockdown

Government of Delhi has issued orders for lockdown in the territorial jurisdiction of NCT of Delhi from 23 - 31 March 2020. All shops, commercial establishments, offices, factories and public transport will be closed. Movement of Inter-state buses, Metro and all domestic and international flights arriving to Delhi shall remain suspended during this period. Any person found violating shall be punishable as per relevant provisions of law.

Government of West Bengal notifies “Complete Safety Restrictions”

Government of West Bengal in its effort to combat the spread of COVID-19, has come out with “Complete Safety Restrictions” . This will be effective from 23 - 27 March 2020. All shops, commercial establishments, offices and factories, workshops, godowns etc shall be closed. The Public transport services will also not ply except for few essential services and commodities.

Uttarakhand under lockdown

Government of Uttarakhand has issued order on lockdown of non-essential services in the State starting 22 March 2020 to 31 March 2020.

Government of Gujarat issues orders for Social distancing

The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has ordered closure of all shops and establishments except those providing essential services. All shops, commercial establishments, offices and factories, workshops, godowns etc shall be closed. The Public transport services will also not ply except for few essential services and commodities.

Government of Uttar Pradesh imposes lockdown in 15 districts in Uttar Pradesh till 25 March 2020

Government of Uttar Pradesh announced lockdown in 15 districts in the first phase starting from tomorrow till 25 March 2020. The districts wherein this has been imposed are Lucknow, Agra, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Ghaziabad, Varanasi, Allahabad, Kanpur, Aligarh, Moradabad, Lakhimpur Kheiri, Bareilly, Azamgarh, Meerut, Gorakhpur and Saharanpur.

Chandigarh Administration notifies lockdown

The Union Territory of Chandigarh has imposed a lockdown in the territorial jurisdiction to contain the spread of COVID-19. All shops, commercial establishments, offices, factories and public transport will be closed.

Government of Karnataka imposes restrictions in the revenue districts of Bangalore Urban, Bangalore Rural, Kalaburagi, Chikkaballapur, Mysuru, Madikeri, Dharwad, Mangaluru and Belagavi from 23 March up to 1 April, 2020

The Karnataka Government has notified that all commercial establishments, workshops, godowns dealing with non-essential services shall close their operations. The Labour-intensive industries shall work at 50 % of their strength on rotation basis and the Inter-State and Inter-district services will not operate from these districts during this period.

Government of Himachal Pradesh notifies lockdown in Kangra district

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, in exercise of its power has notified a lockdown the revenue district of Kangra with immediate effect. All commercial establishments, workshops, godowns dealing with non-essential services shall close their operations.

Government of Chhattisgarh notifies lockdown in the districts of Raipur, Bilaspur

The Chhattisgarh Government has notified that all commercial establishments, workshops, godowns, factories dealing with non-essential services shall close their operations in these districts.

Government of Jharkhand imposes lockdown in the State with immediate effect till 31 March 2020

In view of the COVID-19 threat, the Government of Jharkhand has imposed complete lockdown in the entire State. All establishments including Shops and factories will be closed during this period except for emergency services.

Government of Madhya Pradesh notifies lockdown in Bhopal district till further notice

The Government of Madhya Pradesh has imposed a complete lockdown in Bhopal district and has sealed the border and closed all offices barring the essential services.

Government of Nagaland exercises its powers conferred under section 2, 3 & 4 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897

Government of Nagaland exercises its power conferred under section 2,3 & 4 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. All shops and establishments to be shut. All commercial vehicles will not ply. Vehicles carrying interstate passenger will be allowed till the mid-night of 23 March 2020. Any person found violating shall be punishable under section of 188 of Indian Penal Code.

Jammu and Kashmir Government shuts down all establishments and Services except essential commodities / services from 22 March till 31 March, 2020

The Jammu and Kashmir Government has ordered a shut down. All goods vehicles including those carrying essential items shall be allowed to ply during the shut down periods with proper permits.

Government of Pondicherry imposes Section 144

The Government of Pondicherry has imposed Section 144 with effect from 22 March till 31 March, 2020.

Government of Andhra Pradesh constitutes technical team of Physicians and Pulmonologists.

In view of COVID-19 and the possible increase in footfalls of the suspected patients, Health Medical & Family Welfare Department of Government of Andhra Pradesh has constituted a team of Physicians and Pulmonologists to help provide technical guidance and handholding.

The Assam COVID-19 Containment Regulations, 2020

The Government of Assam notifies Regulations for prevention and containment of Coronavirus Disease 2019.

Government of Arunachal Pradesh imposes safety restrictions with effect from 23 March till 31 March 2020.

Government of Arunachal Pradesh has notified "Complete Safety Restrictions" . This will be effective from 23 March till 31 March 2020. All shops, commercial establishments, offices and factories, workshops, godowns etc shall close their operations. The Public transport services will also not ply except for few essential services and commodities.

Government of Rajasthan orders lockdown from 22 March – 31 March 2020

In view of the COVID-19 threat, the Government of Rajasthan has imposed complete lockdown in the entire State. All establishments including Shops and factories will be closed during this period except for emergency services. Only senior officers would be allowed to operate from Government offices and others would work from home.

International Advisories and Notifications

Emirates NBD, Mashreq and Commercial Bank of Dubai lists relief measures for customers in support of the UAE economy.

Emirates NBD, Mashreq and Commercial Bank of Dubai lists relief measure for their individual, small business, business banking customers and Wholesale banking & Trade clients. These are effective from 1 April - 30 June 2020.

Embassy of India in Muscat releases advisory on Consular & Other services in view of COVID-19.

In view of COVID-19, Embassy of India in Muscat in its advisory to Consular & other services, requests Indian community and others to visit the Embassy in person for any service only if its essential and unavoidable.

Israel restricts entry of Foreign nationals for two weeks.

Embassy of Israel in India, in its travel advisory bans foreign nationals to Israel, even if the traveller proves his stay in quarantine.

Government of Myanmar suspends issuance of Visa on Arrival and e-Visa for all countries.

To control and limit the risk to its population, travellers to Myanmar from countries with high COVID-19 cases, Government has informed all travellers are subjected to 14 days quarantine on their arrival to Myanmar and has temporarily suspended issuance of Visa on Arrival and e-Visa for all countries till 30 April 2020.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam releases notification on updates of the Vietnamese entry and exit rules to Foreign nationals.

Vietnam authorities temporarily suspends entry of all foreign nationals into Vietnam except for those entering for diplomatic, official and other extra ordinary purposes. Further it also suspended validity of Visa Exemption Certificates for persons for Vietnam origins and their families. These will be in effect from 22 March 2020.

Department of Finance, Canada's Economic Response Plan: Support for Canadians and Businesses.

The Department of Finance, Government of Canada announced Economic Response Plan, as a response to COVID-19. The Prime Minister announced a new set of economic measures to help stabilise the economy during the challenging period. The Economic response plan will provide up to \$ 27 Billion in direct support to Canadian workers and businesses.

Ministry of Foreign Trade & Tourism and the Peru Export & Tourism Promotion Board, Peru announces suspension of arrival of flights from Europe and Asia to Peru.

Government of Peru, as a measure to prevent and control COVID-19 suspends arrival of flights from Europe and Asia. It has also informed all non-resident tourist to return to their country or remain in isolation.

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