

West Bengal extends COVID-19 restrictions till July 30 with relaxations

The West Bengal government on Wednesday extended the COVID-19 restrictions till July 30, 2021. In a major relief to the commuters, the Mamata Banerjee led administration has allowed Metro train services to operate five days a week with 50 per cent of its total capacity. The Metro rail services will not be allowed on Saturdays and Sundays.

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West Bengal COVID-19 restrictions: What is allowed, what is not

Not more than 50 persons will be allowed at marriage functions and related gatherings. Funeral rituals allowed with not more than 20 persons at a time.

Gyms allowed to open from 6 am to 10 am and 4 pm to 8 pm with 50 per cent of capacity at a time in each session. The staff and customers should be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Public transport, including intra-state (inter-district) government and private buses, inland waterways transport, trams, local taxis, cabs and auto rickshaws will be allowed with passengers not more than 50 per cent of seating capacity at a time.

All schools, colleges, universities, polytechnics, Anganwadi centres and other educational and academic institutions will remain closed.

Salons and beauty parlours may remain open as per usual operational hours with 50 per cent of seating capacity at a time. The employees and customers should be vaccinated against coronavirus.

Intra-state local train movement to remain closed except for staff special trains for movement of emergency and essential services personnel.

All cinema halls, spas not permitted to open.

Swimming pools to remain closed. However, swimming pools meant for routine practice of state, national and international level swimmers may allowed to open from 6 am to 10 am.

All political, social, cultural, academic and entertainment-related gatherings, groupings and congregations prohibited.

Parks to open from 6 am and 9 am and only vaccinated people shall be allowed.
All shops and markets (essential and non essential commodities) may remain open as per usual operational hours.

Retail shops in shopping malls and market complexes to open as per usual operational hours with 50 per cent workforce and restricted entry of people/ customers up to 50 per cent at a time.

Restaurants and bars including in hotels, shopping malls and clubs permitted to operate with 50 per cent of seating capacity at a time. The bars have been ordered to close by 8 pm.

Games and sports allowed in stadiums and clubs with sports facilities. However, no spectators will be allowed.

West Bengal on July 13 reported 863 new COVID-19 cases and 17 more fatalities.

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