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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Central Zoo Authority

Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road
New Delhi – 110 003
Dated 13th March 2020

To,

**The Director/Curator/Officer-in-charge
All Large, Medium, Small and Mini Category Zoos**

CIRCULAR

Sub: - Health advisory for Zoos to prevent the spread of COVID-19– reg.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you about the rapidly increasing cases of novel corona virus disease (COVID-19) are now reported from our country and keeping in view the nature of virus, it is must to take all possible preventive measures to control the spread of the said Virus. As per the Office Memorandum of Ministry of Health & family welfare (**Copy attached**), mass gathering should be avoided to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and, if allowed proper preventive measures should be followed by organisations/institutions.

The Zoological Parks in the country have high number of visitors and in this regard, it is requested that the following precautionary measures must be taken to prevent further transmission of novel corona virus disease (COVID-19):-

- Essential screening and proper sanitation measures to be maintained at entry and exit gates of zoos.
- Corona virus commonly spreads from infected persons mainly through air, cough and sneeze and close contact. It can also spread by touching an object or surface with virus presence that subsequently comes in contact with mouth, nose or eyes without washing hands. Therefore, it is suggested to use mask by all the Zoo staff especially dealing with public and regular handwashing, sanitization and social distancing must be maintained (at ticket/ entry gates).
- As per Office Memorandum F.No.C.13014/1/2020-vig dated 06.03.2020 circulated by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training), it is desirable to avoid touching surfaces, which might be infected. Employees may therefore be exempted from marking biometric attendance till 31st March 2020. However, all the employees are required to mark their attendance in attendance register during this period.
- Consolidated travel advisory for Novel Corona virus disease dated 11.03.2020, issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (available at

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/ConsolidatedTraveladvisoryUpdated11032020.pdf>) may be adhered to while screening foreigners who are visiting the zoos.

- As per Office Memorandum Z-21020/14/2020-PH dated 5th March 2020 circulated by Ministry of Health and Family welfare, Government of India; experts across the world have advised to reduce mass gatherings to avoid the spread of novel corona virus disease (COVID-19). It is also advised that mass gatherings may be avoided or possibly be postponed till the disease is contained.
- Zoos may prominently display the posters and advisory on safe habits in the wake of the COVID-19. Print-ready display material is available under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare website <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>
- Though the mode of transmission of the novel corona virus is still not reported from animal to human, suitable sanitary and hygiene standards must be adhered in animal feed stores and slaughter house.
- Regular cleaning and disinfection of common areas must be increased during this period of heightened concern.

Encl. As above.

(Dr. Sonali Ghosh)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests

Copy for Information and Necessary action to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister, MoEF&CC
2. PS to Hon'ble MoS, MoEF&CC
3. PPS to Secretary, MoEF&CC
4. PPS to ADG (Wildlife), MoEF&CC
5. The Chief wildlife warden of all states/UTs
6. The Municipal corporation Commissioners/ Directors of Zoos

Z-21020/14/2020-PIH
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 5th March, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Query from states on mass gatherings – reg

Kindly recall queries raised by states on organisations of mass gathering etc. In view of the above, it is highlighted that:

- Experts across the World have advised to reduce mass gatherings to avoid the spread of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus disease. In view of above, it is advised that mass gatherings may be avoided or possibly be postponed till the disease spread is contained.
- In case any such mass gatherings are organised, States may take necessary action to guide the Organisers on precautions to be taken as per the risk communication material already sent so as to avoid any Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) cases and Influenza Like Illness (ILIs) including Covid-19.

States may take necessary action accordingly in the matter.



(Rajender Kumar)

Under Secretary for Government of India

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To:

Pri Secy/ Secy H of all States / UTs

As on 11-03-2020

**Government of India
Ministry of Health & FW**

Consolidated Travel Advisory for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

More than 100 countries across the world now have reported cases of COVID-19. People traveling to these countries or people who have travelled abroad might come in contact with people affected with COVID-19 during their stay or even while in transit at the airports. Within these countries, few countries have reported very large number of cases and deaths putting passengers from these countries particularly at higher risk of infection. Travel Advisories had been issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from time to time. The following consolidated Advisory is presently issued.

1. All existing visas (except diplomatic, official, UN/International Organizations, employment, project visas) stand suspended till 15th April 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure.
2. Visa free travel facility granted to OCI card holders is kept in abeyance till 15th April 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure.
3. OCI card holders already in India can stay in India as long as they want.
4. Visas of all foreigners already in India remain valid and they may contact the nearest FRRO/FRO through e-FRRO module for extension/conversion etc. of their visa or grant of any consular service, if they choose to do so.
5. Any foreign national who intends to travel to India for compelling reason may contact the nearest Indian Mission.
6. In addition to Visa restrictions already in place, passengers traveling from /having visited **Italy or Republic of Korea** and desirous of entering India will need certificate of having tested negative for COVID-19 from the designated laboratories authorized by the health authorities of these countries. This is in enforcement since 0000 hrs. of 10th March, 2020 and is a temporary measure till cases of COVID-19 subside.
7. **All incoming travelers, including Indian nationals**, arriving from or having visited China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain and Germany after 15th February, 2020 shall be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure.
8. **Incoming travelers, including Indian nationals**, are advised to avoid non-essential travel and are informed that they can be quarantined for a minimum of 14 days on their arrival in India.

9. **Indian nationals** are further strongly advised to refrain from travelling to China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain and Germany.
10. All incoming international passengers returning to India should self- monitor their health and follow required do's and dont's as detailed by the Government.
11. International traffic through land borders will be restricted to designated check posts with robust screening facilities. These will be notified separately by M/o Home Affairs.
12. All international Passengers entering into India are required to furnish duly filled self-declaration form in duplicate (including personal particulars i.e. phone no. and address in India) (as annexed) to Health Officials and Immigration officials and undergo Universal Health Screening at the designated health counters at all Points of Entry.
13. For any queries related to health, people may contact Ministry of Health & Family Welfare 24*7 helpline number (+91-11-23978046) or email at (ncov2019@gmail.com).

Annexure



Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Government of India

SELF REPORTING FORM to BE FILLED BY ALL INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS

(TO BE PRESENTED AT THE HEALTH & IMMIGRATION COUNTER)

All passengers coming to India are required to fill-up this proforma in **duplicate** & submit a copy each to Health and Immigration counter.

Personal Information

1	Name of the passenger			
2	Seat No.		3. Flight No.	
4	Passport No.			
5	Date of Arrival			
6	Port of origin of Journey			
7	Port of final destination			

Contact Address in India for All Travelers:

1	House Number	
2	Street/ Village	
3	Tehsil	
4	District/ City	
5	State	
6	Pin	
7	Residence Number	
8	Mobile Number * (mandatory field)	
9	E mail ID	

(PART-A)

a. Details of the cities / countries visited since last 28 days? _____

b. Are you suffering from any of the following symptoms

- Fever Yes No
- Cough Yes No
- Respiratory distress Yes No

For persons having travel history to China, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Italy, Iran, Japan and other **Covid-19 affected countries*** or contacts with people having such travel history are requested to undergo **mandatory thermal screening** at the Health Counters.

Signature of the passenger

*AS NOTIFIED BY W.H.O. FOR LOCAL TRANSMISSION. (<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/>)

In case you develop symptoms such as fever and cough within 28 days of leaving this airport, restrict your outdoor movement and contact MoHFW's 24 hours helpline number 011-23978046. Call operator will tell you whom to contact further. In the meanwhile, keep yourself isolated in your house/room.

