

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAHYA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong the 28th May, 2020.

No. Health.68/2020/56 : In exercise of the powers conferred under **Section 2, 3 and 4** of the **Epidemic Diseases Prevention Act, 1897**, the Department of Health and Family Welfare hereby makes the following regulations to amend "**The Meghalaya Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020**", namely:-

1. These regulations may be called **The Meghalaya Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2020**.

2. They shall come into force immediately.

3. **Amendment of Regulation 14:**

The existing **Regulation 14 shall be substituted, as under:-**

"All advisories issued/to be issued by the Government of India and the State Government on COVID-19 will ipso facto be treated as directions under the Epidemic Act and Regulations in Meghalaya."

4. **Amendment of Regulation 17:**

The existing Regulation 17 shall be renumbered as Regulation 20 and a new Regulation 17 shall be substituted as follows:

" 17. Usage of Face Cover/Face Masks:

Wearing of face mask or face cover is compulsory in all public spaces and workplaces. All residents of the State irrespective of whether with or without a medical condition, except children below two years of age and asthma patients, must use a "homemade protective cover for face and mouth" while venturing outdoors. The Advisories or Guidelines for 'Use of masks by public' and the 'Do's and Don'ts' issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India on use of face masks will be applicable and are to be complied with."

5. A new Regulation 18 shall be inserted namely:

"18. Social Distancing (Physical Distancing)

All persons in charge of public places, work places and transport shall ensure social distancing by maintaining at least 6 feet (2 metres) away from others or as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare."

6. A new Regulation 19 shall be inserted namely:

“19. Spitting and use of smokeless tobacco in Public Places:

Use of smokeless tobacco and spitting in public spaces is strictly prohibited In order to curb the spread of COVID-19.”

7. Notwithstanding such amendment, anything done or any action taken under the earlier provisions, before the amendment, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the provisions of these amendment Regulations.

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(M. N. Nampui, IAS)

Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
Health & Family Welfare Department.

Memo No. Health.68/2020/56-A

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Joint Secretary to the Govt of Meghalaya,
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