

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER :: EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT  
::SHILLONG::

No. C&S.2/CVD/2021/ORD/ 305

Dated Shillong, the 03<sup>rd</sup> January, 2022

**ORDER**

In pursuance to notification given by the Health and Family Welfare Department vide No.Health.21/2020/Pt.VII/103 dated 29/04/2021 on **Mask-Wearing Protocols** and in view of the highly infectious variant, Omicron, of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus which is rapidly rising in different parts of the country and whereas mask-wearing has been classified as an important strategy to **suppress transmission and save lives**,

Hence, in view of the impact that the virus may cause to the health and livelihoods of the people in the event of a severe third wave and in order to prevent further transmission of the virus, persons who step out of their homes, move in public or interact with persons not from their household, are required to ensure the following:-

1. They should wear a **three ply surgical mask** or **N-95 mask**.
2. Cotton masks if worn must be **layered** with a three ply surgical mask underneath.
3. Plastic or leather masks, mask made from loosely woven material, knitted masks, masks made of fabric that lets light pass through, or masks made with only one layer of fabric **do not ensure protection** and are **not recommended**. Person using such mask will switch to appropriate protective masks at the earliest.
4. Wearing of mask on chin, or lowering of mask while speaking, or wearing mask without covering the nose must be avoided at all costs since you can infect others, or be infected by others.
5. Persons who are mobile or move around frequently are advised to wear masks inside their homes as well, especially when around elderly or co-morbid family members.

Detailed guidelines for wearing masks including use, storage, cleaning and disposal as notified in the aforesaid government protocol are to be followed by all citizens.

A casual attitude towards proper mask wearing can potentially cause rapid transmission of the virus, hence endangering lives and may be considered an offence, for which action will be taken as deemed fit and proper.

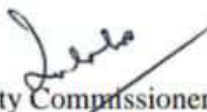
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Deputy Commissioner,  
East Khasi Hills District,  
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Copy to:-

1. The Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health and Family Welfare Department
2. The Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills District, Shillong for information and necessary action.
3. The District Medical and Health Officer, East Khasi Hills District for information and necessary action.
4. All Incident Commanders/Block Development Officers, East Khasi Hills District for information and necessary action.

  
Deputy Commissioner,  
East Khasi Hills District,  
Shillong.