

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

**ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR
NOTIFICATION**

Dated Shillong, the 23rd December, 2020.

NO.SW(S)43/2020/134- The Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to notify the Operational Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures to be followed while resuming the services outside the containment zones in all the Anganwadi Centres of the State with immediate effect.

A. General:-

1. Cleanliness, Hygiene and proper sanitization is to be ensured in and around the premises of the Anganwadi Centre.
2. Use of mask/face covers is mandatory for all who are visiting the Anganwadi Centre, including the Anganwadi Workers and Helpers.
3. Frequent handwashing, sanitization, strict social distancing as per the SOP issued by the Health & Family Welfare Department is to be ensured.
4. Persons above the age of 65 years and persons with co-morbidities should not visit the Anganwadi Centre.
5. Pregnant and lactating women are to visit the Anganwadi Centres only for receiving take home ration, ante-natal check-up and other health purposes.
6. Appropriate messages for prevention of COVID-19 (social distance, face mask, handwashing, sanitization, identification of symptoms, primary healthcare at home) are to be suitably displayed in all the Anganwadi Centres.

B. Providing Supplementary Nutrition:-

Cooked food and Take Home Ration may be provided at the Anganwadi Centres or delivered at home, based on the prevailing local situation. Strict observance of SOPs and hygiene protocols are to be followed during storage, preparation and distribution of food items.

C. Growth Monitoring Services:-

1. A roster of children may be maintained by the Anganwadi Worker to avoid overcrowding of beneficiaries at the Centres. The roster schedule may be shared with the parents/caregivers in advance through SMS or in any other manner suitable to the Anganwadi Worker.
2. Growth Monitoring Services may also be carried out during VHSND day or during home visits as per the guidance protocol issued by the Health & Family Welfare Department. Hand hygiene, sanitization of weighing equipments and other COVID protocols are to be ensured.
3. Severely malnourished children, high risk pregnancy and lactating mothers should be monitored strictly and continued with the home based service delivery and take home cooked food.

D. Counselling Services:-

1. Counselling on maternal, infant and young child care and feeding practices may be carried out during home visits, VHSND day or video /telephone calla and whatsapp messages.
2. Community Based Events may be organised in person or in small groups for short duration only and with due adherence to all COVID-19 protocols.

E. ECCE Services:-

1. Pre-school education may be resumed at the Anganwadi Centre in small groups of 5 to 8 children on any day.

F. Protocol post identification of CORONA patient:-

Any child or adult showing any symptoms of COVID-19 should be sent back to their homes. The Anganwadi Worker/Helpers are to immediately inform the ASHAs/ANMs/PHCs or any other facility prescribed by the local administration on the matter. In case of confirmed COVID cases visiting the Anganwadi Centre, the premises may be re-sanitized as prescribed and with the support of local administration. Persons who came in contact with the patient may be asked to self isolate and report to Health Authorities in case of COVID like symptoms.

Steps to be taken by all District Administration

All District Administrations are expected to comply with the COVID-19 related directions issued by the Government from time to time. Deputy Commissioners of the respective Districts may take a decision on the extent of opening and service delivery at the Anganwadi Centres outside containment zones. Proper guidance to the field functionaries based on the prevalent and changing local circumstances are to be ensured. Regular Review and Monitoring with all concerned for ensuring the functioning of Anganwadi Centres as per the laid down parameters are to be given due importance.

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Sampath Kumar
Commissioner & Secretary
Social Welfare Department, etc.,

Dated Shllong, the 23rd December, 2020.

Memo.No.SW(S)43/2020/134-A,

Copy to:-

1. The Private Secretary to the Chief Minister for kind information of the Chief Minister.
2. The Private Secretary to the Minister In-charge, Social Welfare for kind information of the Minister.
3. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
4. The Private Secretary to the Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare for kind information.
5. The Under Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Women & Child Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001 for kind information.
6. All Deputy Commissioners for kind information and necessary action.
7. The Director of Social Welfare, Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
8. The SIO, NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of information and loading the Government Notification in the Government website.
9. The Director of Printing & Stationery, Meghalaya, Shillong with a request to publish the Government Notification in the Meghalaya Gazette.
10. Health & Family Welfare Department.
11. Law (B) Department.
12. Guard file.

By order etc.,



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