



**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB  
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY  
HEALTHCARE DEPARTMENT**

Lahore the 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

**ORDER**

**NO. SO(G)/P&SHD/4-1/2021. WHEREAS**, the forth wave of COVID-19 is underway, which poses a serious and imminent threat to public health. Hence, it is mandatory to take all possible safety measures for prevention and control of this disease in the Province of Punjab.

2. **AND WHEREAS**, in my opinion there are sufficient grounds to proceed under Section 4(c), 5(1)(e), 5(1)(f) of "The Punjab Infectious Diseases (Prevention and Control) Act 2020" as an immediate preventive and expeditious remedy and the directions hereinafter appearing are necessary to ensure public health, safety, control the spread of COVID-19 and conserve lives in the Province of Punjab.

3. **AND WHEREAS**, the declaration that COVID-19 represents a serious and imminent threat to public health throughout the Province of Punjab under Section 3(1) of the Act ibid has already been published in the Gazette after approval of the Chief Minister.

4. **NOW THEREFORE**, in exercise of powers under Sections 4(c), 5(1)(e), 5(1)(f) of "The Punjab Infectious Diseases (Prevention and Control) Act 2020", I, **Imran Sikander Baloch, Secretary, Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department, Government of the Punjab, with the approval of Chief Minister, Punjab**, am pleased to order the following: -

- a. **Activities:** Market / business activities shall continue till 08:00 PM. Exemption is granted only to following essential services:

S. No.	Particulars	Time
i.	Pharmacies / Medical stores, Medical Facilities and Vaccination Centers, Petrol Pumps,	

	Tandoors, Bakeries, Milk / Dairy Shops, Food Takeaways and E-commerce / Courier / Postal Services & Utility Services (Electricity, Natural Gas, Internet, Cellular Networks / Telecom, Call Centers, Media), Auto workshops, Oil Depots and all Kinds of Mandis including Grain, Fruit, Cattle and Vegetable Mandis	<b>(24 hours a day)</b>
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- b. **Closed Day:** Saturday & Sunday shall be observed as 'Closed days' whereby all activities shall be banned and markets / establishments shall remain closed. Exemption is granted only to following essential services:

S. No.	Particulars	Time
i.	Pharmacies / Medical stores, Medical Facilities and Vaccination Centers, Petrol Pumps, Tandoors, Bakeries, Grocery / Karyana stores, Milk / Dairy Shops, Sweet Shops, Vegetable / Fruit Shops, Chicken / Meat Shops, Food Takeaways and E-commerce / Courier / Postal Services & Utility Services (Electricity, Natural Gas, Internet, Cellular Networks / Telecom, Call Centers, Media), Auto workshops, Oil Depots and all Kinds of Mandis including Grain, Fruit, Cattle and Vegetable Mandis	<b>(24 hours a day)</b>

- c. **Dining:** Complete ban is imposed on indoor dining. However, outdoor dining shall be allowed till 10:00 PM under strict COVID protocols. Takeaways are allowed 24/7.
- d. **Weddings / Functions:** There shall be complete ban on indoor weddings. However, outdoor weddings shall be allowed with maximum limit of 300x guests under strict COVID protocols
- e. **Religious:** There shall be complete closure of shrines.
- f. **Cinemas:** There shall be complete closure of cinemas.
- g. **Gatherings:** There shall be a complete ban on indoor gatherings including cultural, musical / religious / miscellaneous events. However, outdoor gatherings shall be allowed for maximum 300x individuals under strict COVID protocols.

- h. **Sports:** There shall be complete ban on contact sports (Karate, Boxing, Martial Arts, Rugby, Water Polo, Kabaddi & Wrestling).
- i. **Gyms:** All gyms shall remain open only for vaccinated individuals / members.
- j. **Office Routine:** Normal office working hours for public / private offices shall continue. However, attendance level is reduced from 100% to 50%.
- k. **Public Transport:** Maximum occupancy level of public transport is reduced from 70% to 50%. Ban is imposed on all type of snacks serving to the passengers during journey by the transport services.
- l. **Railways:** Rail services shall continue to operate with 70% occupancy under strict COVID protocols.
- m. **Recreation:** All amusement parks, water sports & swimming pools shall remain closed. However, public parks shall remain open under strict COVID protocols.
- n. **Extended Lockdown:** Broader lockdowns with stringent enforcement protocols based on risk assessment shall continue.
- o. **Mask Wearing:** All citizens shall compulsorily wear masks in public spaces.
- p. **Tourism:** Policy of controlled tourism for vaccinated individuals shall continue.

**5. Industrial and Agricultural activities and establishments shall remain exempt from operation of this order.**

6. District administration and Police shall work in close liaison to ensure strict implementation of this order.

7. This order shall come into force with immediate effect in territorial limits of **Lahore, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Multan, Khanewal, Mianwali, Sargodha, Khushab, Bahawalpur, Gujranwala, Rahim Yar Khan** and shall remain in force till **15<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. However, this department's order of even number dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 shall remain in force in rest of the districts of Punjab, till further orders.

8. This order shall be given wide publicity in official Gazette, Daily Newspapers and broadcasting through Radio Pakistan, Pakistan Television and other TV Channels as news item for information of the general public.

  
**SECRETARY  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB  
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY  
HEALTHCARE DEPARTMENT**

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**A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to the: -**

1. Chief Secretary, Punjab.
2. Inspector General of Police, Punjab.
3. Senior Member Board of Revenue / Relief Commissioner, Punjab.
4. Additional Chief Secretary, Punjab.
5. Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Punjab.
6. Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab.
7. Principal Secretary to Governor, Punjab.
8. Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore.
9. All Administrative Secretaries in the Punjab.
10. Secretary, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department.
11. Secretary, Information Department, Punjab with the request to give wide publicity to this order in print and electronic media as news item.
12. All Divisional Commissioners in Punjab.
13. Capital City Police Officer, Lahore.
14. All Regional Police Officers in Punjab.
15. Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Punjab.
16. All Deputy Commissioners in Punjab.
17. All City/District Police Officers in Punjab.
18. Superintendent, Government Printing Press, Punjab, Lahore with the request to ensure publication of this order in Official Gazette.

  
**SECTION OFFICER (GENERAL)**