



# GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

GAD- Novel Corona Virus disease (COVID-19)- interstate movement of migrant labourers, tourists, students and other persons stranded in Kerala and other States owing to national lock down- guidelines for infrastructure arrangements and procedures through different modes of transport- modified orders issued

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## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT

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**G.O (Rt) No.1489/2020/GAD      Dated,Thiruvananthapuram,11.05.2020**

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Read:      1) Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 29.04.2020 from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.  
             2) G.O (Rt) No.1411/2020/GAD dated 02.05.2020  
             3) G.O (Rt) No.1452/2020/GAD dated 06.05.2020  
             4) GO (Rt) No. 1470/2020/GAD dated 08.05.2020  
             5) Order of Hon'ble High Court of Kerala dated 10.05.2020 in WP (C) 9840 of 2020

### ORDER

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide order read as 1<sup>st</sup> above has permitted interstate movement of persons stranded in different parts of the country owing to general lock down implemented to contain the COVID-19 outbreak. The Government, vide order read 2<sup>nd</sup> above has issued guidelines for facilitating interstate movement by road, and certain provisions of these guideline have been amended vide order read as 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> above. The operation of road entry check posts at six locations across the State border has gained certain experiences and it is noted that large number of persons have approached these check posts without obtaining entry passes which has resulted in to excessive delay in screening of persons because no database about tracing addresses of these persons were available with the Government. It is also noted that the entire regulation for entry process is only aimed at getting prior information regarding the persons entering the State and allowing the local level officials, spread across the State, to ensure tracking the wellbeing of these persons in terms of quarantine to ensure prevention of any spread of COVID-19.

2) Hon'ble High Court after examining the issue of entry of persons in to the State has directed in its order dated 10.05.2020, that the State government shall coordinate with the officials of other State Governments with respect to the passes issued for inter-state travel so as to have parity of dates and other requirements in order to avoid any sort of inconvenience to the movement of people in future. Accordingly, the other State Governments have been addressed to issue movement passes from their States only after obtaining the entry passes to Kerala and the IAS

officers posted in the War Room, who are entrusted with coordination other States, have been instructed to take up the matter with their counterparts.

3) The Government of India has now ordered to operate special train services from New Delhi to Thiruvananthapuram and back. Accordingly, the following comprehensive guidelines are issued for facilitating the interstate movement of Keralites, stranded across different states, by road and train, superseding the Government Orders read as papers 2, 3 and 4 above:

#### **A. Road Travel**

1. Please get permission from your destination District Collector by submitting information related to accompanying members in **Covid19Jagratha** using the registration ID obtained while registering in Norka Roots website by following the link <https://covid19jagratha.kerala.nic.in/>. [covid-19 jagratha portal → Public services → Domestic return pass → Register (with Mobile number) → Add group, Vehicle No., Check post, time of arrival, etc. → Submit] One has to select a check post entry date depending on queue and the maximum limit allowed on a particular day.
2. You can also apply in *Covid19Jagratha*, even if you do not have NORKA registration ID.
3. In the present practice, the entry passes for members of a group proposing to travel together in a vehicle is being approved by District Collectors of the districts where each person proposes to go. This occasionally creates a situation where one or more members do not get passes or members getting passes for entry on different dates. Accordingly, now it is modified as, one of the persons in the group who is applying for passes can enter the registration numbers of all the group members in the prescribed /given box in the application for passes and submit the request. If the persons travelling in a group is having destinations to more than one district, the District Collector of the district to which the group leader has submitted the application shall issue the entry passes for all the members of the group. Verification through LSGI shall be done by the DCs concerned.
4. After submitting the required information your details will be verified for the genuineness of the request and travel permit will be issued with a **QR Code** in your registered mobile number and email.
5. Travellers can use own vehicle or rented vehicle for travelling to their home.
6. If persons in the group have already obtained passes for entry on different dates, they can come on any day granted for the fellow traveller, if the vehicle number is same. The District Collectors shall allow entry after verifying the vehicle number in each passes.
7. **Necessary permission, if any, required from the State where you are presently located need to be taken for ensuring a smooth journey till Kerala border.**
8. All people have to enter through **check posts** notified by the State and will undergo medical screening for symptoms. To reduce crowding at the check posts, daily entry will be limited to a fixed

number which will be decided by the District Administration where the check post is located. You can choose the check post and day of travel according to the availability of slots through 'Covid19Jagrata'.

9. **You are requested to start the journey only after receiving the travel permit from the Government of Kerala and the local authority of your present location to avoid any problem during travel. Those who reach at the check post without passes will not be allowed entry.**
10. Please carry the permit for verification by the enforcement squads at the check posts.
11. To maintain social distancing norms, only 4 persons will be permitted to travel in a car, 5 in an SUV, 10 in a van and 25 in a bus. The maximum number of passengers in a van /bus will be half of the seating capacity). Keep sanitizer, use masks and maintain physical distancing throughout journey.
12. State Government permits the use of a pre-arranged vehicle for picking up anyone arriving from other states in rented/owned vehicle. The vehicles coming from outside can be sent back and the vehicle from inside Kerala can be used for transportation up to home by such passenger/s. Only driver shall be allowed to come for picking up and he shall also undergo quarantine specified by the Health Department. Those who travel to the Border to pick the relatives can obtain a pass from their District Collector by applying for an "Emergency Travel pass" in *covid19 jagaratha*.
13. An exit and entry pass/passes shall be issued by the District Collectors to those persons who seek to go outside states to bring back their stranded child/ children, spouse and parent/s. It must be ensured that entry passes for such person must contain the detail/s of such family member/s whom he is intending to bring back. The journey outside the state will be subject to approval by the counterpart state/s and entry inside on return will be subject to observance of procedure prescribed for medical screening, quarantine, etc.
14. You will have to undergo medical screening for any symptoms of COVID-19. Asymptomatic persons shall undergo quarantine specified by the Health Department and symptomatic persons will be sent to either COVID Care Centre or Hospital.
15. Staff in the **entry check post concerned will issue the return pass for the rented vehicles carrying passengers from other States. This can be done as presently done for trucks carrying essential items.**
16. If any unexpected issues crop up during travel you may please contact the Covid-19 War Room set up at the Government Secretariat (0471-2781100/2781101) or at the border check posts concerned.
17. Everybody including those coming from red zones shall remain under home quarantine for 14 days from the date of arrival. However, if the LSGI concerned has not confirmed the availability of Home Quarantine in the covid19jagratha portal before they reach at the check posts, they will be sent to institutional quarantine in the district concerned till the LSGI concerned confirms the availability of Home Quarantine facility.

18. Only priority groups persons will be allowed entry passes:
- a) Those from neighboring states seeking Medical aid in Kerala
  - b) Pregnant ladies with family
  - c) Family members including children separated due to lockdown
  - d) Students
  - e) Senior citizens with family members
  - f) Persons who lost job

## **B. Train Journey**

1. The person/s with valid railway ticket for journey to Kerala should apply for entry pass in covid19jagratha portal <https://covid19jagratha.kerala.nic.in>
2. The persons who have already applied for pass in the portal, opting different modes of travel other than train, should resubmit application afresh indicating the mode of travel as 'Train'.
3. The passengers included in a single ticket should form 'a group' while submitting the application for pass in 'covid19jagratha' portal.
4. The details of departing station, destination station, train/Special train number and PNR Number must be entered in the portal.
5. Mode of filling up form for entry pass is as follows:
6. <https://covid19jagratha.kerala.nic.in>---Public services---Domestic returnees pass-New registration in covid19jagratha---form group if more than one are travelling in the same ticket----fill in the details like from station, bound station, address----select mode of travel as train---enter train no./special train---enter PNR no.---- submit
7. In arriving station, the details of the passengers will be verified and a medical screening will be conducted. Quarantine guidelines will be the same as that of persons coming by road
8. Pick up vehicles for arriving passengers will be permitted to reach railway station at designated place and a driver only will be permitted to pick up, subject to the social distancing norms. The driver shall also be put under home quarantine for 14 days. KSRTC bus services will be provided from railway station to the designated space where pickup vehicles would be parked.
9. The District Administration where the railway stations are located will make arrangements for operating KSRTC buses to the district headquarters/ major towns to drop the arriving passengers enabling them to reach home.

**C. The following railway stations have been decided by Ministry of Railways so far:**

| Sl.No | District           | Railway Station                  |
|-------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1.    | Thiruvananthapuram | Trivandrum Central Station (TVC) |
| 2.    | Ernakulam          | Aluva Railway Station (AWY)      |
| 3.    | Kozhikode          | Kozhikode Railway Station (CLT)  |

**D. Infrastructure requirements at the entry stations:**

The District administration shall ensure the following facilities at the their designated railway stations immediately.

- i. Facility for planned exit of passengers preferably though more than one gate. Each gate may be designated for passengers from a particular cluster of districts so that exit of passengers and further travel from railway station can be done in a planned manner.
- ii. Parking area to accommodate substantial number of vehicles which are set to carry the passengers from railway station. The parking area should be synchronous with the exit gates in such a way that passengers from a specific exit should go to a specific parking slot. This is to ensure free movement of vehicles further from the parking area.
- iii. Functional Health desks which will receive the inbounds from those restricted exit gates.
- iv. There should a proper Queue system to reach the desks.
- v. Required IT infrastructure with proper support should be provided at the desks.
- vi. Provision for health check-up cubicles adhering to COVID-19 containment protocol.
- vii. All Luggages should be disinfected
- viii. All the officials to use prescribed PPEs and sanitizers
- ix. Assignment and deployment of officials from different departments in adequate number.
- x. Temperature checking must be carried out with Infra red flash thermometer
- xi. Queries regarding COVID related symptoms must be done at health desk
- xii. Health Inspector of railways to coordinate the surveillance activities
- xiii. All symptomatic passengers to be sent to Isolation facilities in designated ambulances (double chambered ambulances with driver wearing PPE )
- xiv. Proper sanitary disposal of PPE must be done by railways

- xv. Staff must be exclusively posted for a period of two weeks for railway surveillance and they must undergo two weeks home quarantine upon finishing duties
- xvi. Any COVID 19 related symptoms in health staff must be promptly reported to state and district IDSP's and they must be tested with RT PCR
- xvii. Daily reporting in prescribed format to controlroomdhskerala@gmail.com,covid19travelsurveillance@gmail.com at 3 pm everyday
- xviii. Disembarked Passengers must be made to walk to the health desks in a group of 20-25 maintaining social distancing of 1 metre
- xix. Wheel Chair facility.
- xx. Dedicated vehicles for taking symptomatic passengers to pre-quarantine designated centres for testing/ sample collections.
- xxi. Standby power for entire area.
- xxii. Public address systems.
- xxiii. Entire area to be sanitised at regular intervals

**District Collectors can modify the above prescriptions/ stipulations depending on local conditions.**

#### **E. Procedure for going out of Kerala:**

- i. District Administration will provide facilities for medical screening and issuing the exit passes at designated railway stations to the passengers travelling outside Kerala. All the passengers with valid railway ticket travelling outside Kerala should reach the railway stations sufficiently in advance atleast four hours before departure for medical screening and obtaining certificate.
- ii. The medical screening will be limited to convey asymptomatic status of the person, and the contact history with COVID-19 confirmed cases will be recorded in the certificate as per self declaration by the person.

4) Para 2 C (ii) (s) of G.O read 2 above reads-“ Spot registration facilities for serving unregistered inbounds.” and para 3 of G.O read as 3<sup>rd</sup> above reads- “The persons arriving at six designated state borders without entry pass issued by Kerala shall be put under mandatory Institutional Quarantine irrespective of their district of origin of journey”. These provisions are deleted and the Government orders read 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> above are respectively modified to the above extent.

5) These guidelines for railway movement shall be applicable for other railway stations as and when approved to be operated for interstate movement. No deviation from the above SOP/ guidelines shall be entertained under any circumstances without obtaining prior clearance from the State Nodal officer, Interstate transit.

*(By Order of the Governor)*

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