



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

No:DMA2/7/2021-DMD  
Disaster Management (A) Department  
Thiruvananthapuram,  
Dated:23/03/2021

**CIRCULAR**

Sub: DMD – COVID Containment to avert a surge in COVID cases – Strict Enforcement of COVID appropriate behaviour - Reg

Ref: Direction of the Chief Secretary in the Core Group Meeting held on 23.03.2021.

In order to avert a surge in COVID cases during the period of General Elections, the DDMA's shall ensure the following with immediate effect in their respective districts:

1. A Deputy Collector or an Officer authorised by the Chairman, DDMA not connected to election duties shall chair a meeting of the DMO (H), DDP, Zilla Mission Co-ordinator – Kudumbashree and a Senior Police Officer in the District who is in-charge of enforcement of Covid appropriate behaviour (not below the rank of DySP, nominated by the District Police Chief), at 4 PM daily (on-line, if needed) to evaluate the disease situation, identify the areas of concern and chalk out the enforcement action plan for the following day till the 8th of April, 2021. The DMO (H) shall act as the convener of the daily 4 PM meeting.
2. The five member team shall get the details of sanctioned election / campaign meetings from RO and other official sources (including ECI Suvidha portal), evaluate the disease situation and decide on the enforcement action plan of the following day and direct the deployment of Sector Magistrates and Police in an appropriate manner to cover these campaigns and meetings so that effective enforcement of Covid appropriate behaviour happens.
3. The Sector Magistrates (SMs) having jurisdiction should be informed of the areas of focus in their jurisdiction for effective, swift and intelligent enforcement.
4. The SMs and police shall ensure mic announcements in all election

meetings / rallies that Covid protocol should be strictly followed and that appropriate announcements and precautions are done by the organisers of campaigns and meetings.

5. The daily action plan of enforcement should be communicated by the above team to the DDMA.
6. The DDMA should oversee the exercise in right earnest as the ECI also insists on Covid -safe elections.
7. The Chief Secretary would be reviewing the progress in Core Group meetings.

**DR. A JAYATHILAK IAS  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

Forwarded / By order,

Section Officer.

To:

All District Collectors / DDMA Chairpersons  
All District Police Chiefs  
All DMOs (H)  
All DDPs  
All Zilla Mission Co-ordinators, Kudumbashree