

BAF Covid-19 Bulletin –3rdMay2020 – 8.00PM

Today, a team of representatives from BAF including members of the Governing Council and the Covid-19 Task Force, participated in a video-conference with the BBMP team which included Commissioner BBMP Sri.Anil Kumar, Special Commissioner Health & Projects Dr.Ravi Surpur and Special Commissioner SWM Sri.Randeep.D. The following are the key updates which were shared:

1. As per the order by MHA-GoI on 1st May 2020 and subsequent orders by Chief Secretary GoK on 2nd May 2020 (attached) Bengaluru Urban is a red-zone district wherein certain restrictions are in place as laid down by the order. Within Bengaluru, there are containment-zones defined based on discovery of infections, which have very strict conditions applicable including on entry/exit from these zones. The list of containment-zones as of today is 29 and is attached. This list is dynamic and keeps getting updated – please refer to <http://bbmp.gov.in/covid19bulletins> for daily updates to containment zones. Each RWA should stay in touch with these updates, to assess risk for their own communities vis-à-vis their presence in a containment zone.
2. The BBMP team was able to shared the confidence that the overall majority of Bengaluru is safe with infected zones being well-contained. Hence the support for people to slowly resume daily-activities is being encouraged. To that extent, people in non-containment zones, can start exercising the relaxations as provided by the order with a sense of responsibility and continued caution.
3. On the issue of services by domestic-helps and other support staff, the BBMP team has assured that it is safe to permit resumption of services. This resumption should be accompanied by very strict measures like perimeter temperature checks, sanitization, wearing of masks and gloves, social-distancing in common-areas as applicable etc. While people from containment zones are strictly banned from leaving those zones and authorities are ensuring that, it is in the interest of RWAs to double-check entry origins vis-à-vis containment zones. Also, home-stay rules applicable to people aged above 65 and with other co-morbidities and conditions apply here as well, for their own safety. In case any domestic helps are not yet comfortable resuming duties, there should not be any coercion on that count as well.
4. Residents who will resume work, based on allowance for public sector organizations to function and private sector organizations to function with 33% staff, should exercise all precautions and adhere to conditions applicable as they



go to and return back from work. RWAs should implement perimeter screening and hygiene measures, as applicable to all.

5. People who are awaiting moving in or moving out can do so, again as long as the source and destination locations are not in containment zones. Also while executing the move-in/move-out, all perimeter screening and hygiene measures are strictly applicable. While move-in/move-out has been deemed to be essential, aspects like interior-work etc. should wait till completion of this lockdown phase.
6. An additional order by the Chief secretary(attached), GoK today has announced that the movement within and between Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Chikkaballapur and Kolar districts will be treated as single unit for purpose of movement during daytime between 7AM and 7PM and would not need passes. However this allowance can be used only for permitted activities and with applicable red-zone restrictions (like number of passengers per vehicle) and people should produce organizational letter/ID-Card when demanded. In short, there is no free-movement yet during the day time – movement for permitted activities can happen without pass.
7. There would soon be a wave of internationally stranded Indians who would be permitted to be return back – about 10,000 people are expected into Karnataka. The BBMP team has sought the support of the RWAs in implementing home-quarantine measures (14 days) like it was done during the first phase of lockdown.
8. The option to open up club-houses, gyms, swimming pools etc. still stay restricted. This needs to wait till the completion of the current lockdown phase.

The BBMP team appreciated the role played by RWAs and residents in all these days of lockdown in keeping Bengaluru the best performing metro in terms of the infection cases. The BAF team also thanked and appreciated the role of BBMP and all other authorities in helping achieve that.

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