

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR::: GUWAHATI

No.HLB. 109/2020/PU19

Dated Dispur the 8th May, 2020

ORDER

Whereas, Government has taken several measures from time to time to appropriately deal with the COVID-19 situation;

Whereas, the Government of Assam, in exercise of the power conferred under the Epidemic Diseases Act. 1897 has framed the Assam COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 for prevention and containment of COVID-19;

Whereas, the Government of India has made wearing of face cover compulsory in all public places as part of the national directives for COVID-19 management;

Whereas, it is noted that some persons are not complying with directions for use of face cover;

Now, therefore, the Government in Health & Family Welfare Department, in exercise of powers conferred under the said Regulations, hereby direct that the following measures will be complied by the general population within the State of Assam, in order to safeguard human life and health :-

1. All persons moving for whatsoever purpose and under whatever reason/ authority in public places like street, hospital, office, market etc. must compulsorily wear 3- ply mask or cloth mask. In absence of mask, a gamocha or any other traditionally woven cloth in at least two layers which completely covers the mouth and nose can also be used.
2. No person/ official will attend any meeting/ gathering without wearing masks.
3. Any person moving around in personal/ official/ public vehicle must be wearing masks compulsorily.
4. Any person working at any site/ office/ workplace must wear masks.
5. Masks used by one person shall not be used by any other person.
6. Disposable or single use masks shall be properly disposed of by following due procedure. Cloth masks should be washed properly with soap and hot water and dried, after every single use.

It will be the responsibility of the employer to ensure that his/ her employees wear the 3- ply mask or cloth mask without fail.

Anybody violating these instructions on use of face cover will be punishable under the section 188 of Indian Penal Code. All police officers not below rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector of Police shall compound the offence on payment of rupees five hundred for the first, second and third offence and on payment of one thousand rupees for the subsequent offences.

Fines thus collected shall be deposited into Government Treasury through treasury challan under the Head of Account 0070 - Other Administrative Service – 01 -Administration of Justice – 102 - Fines & Forfeitures, after maintaining due records.

This order comes into force with immediate effect and until further orders.



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Health & Family Welfare Department