

**No. EDN-HE(PS to DHE)-01/2022-Misc-
Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1**

Dated: Shimla-1, the 16th February 2022

To

All the Principals
Govt./Pvt./Pvt. Aided Colleges in Himachal Pradesh

All the Principals/Headmaster
Govt./Pvt./Pvt. Aided/Residential Schools in Himachal Pradesh

**Subject: - Guidelines/Instructions
for re-opening of educational institutions**

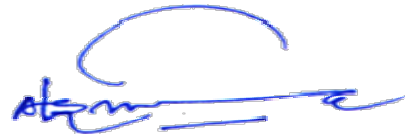
In compliance to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Revenue Department-Disaster Management Cell, Order No. Rev(DMC)(C)20-2/2022-COVID 19-IV, dated: 15.02.2022 and in continuation to this department earlier letter No. EDN-HE(21)A(3)06/2020-V-Vol-I, dated: 26.07.2021 and endorsement of even number dated: 15.02.2022, wherein relaxation/restriction to reopening of educational institutions were circulated.

In this context, it is directed to ensure the compliance of all the SOPs for prevention of COVID-19 pandemic circulated by the GOI and GoHP from time to time along with the below mentioned instruction: -

- ❖ All educational institutions shall function as per their normal schedule w.e.f. 17.02.2022, with adherence to COVID-19 protocols.
- ❖ There shall be no exemption for the persons with disability and pregnant women employees. They shall attend the duty in regular manner.
- ❖ The educational institutions/classrooms shall be sanitized/disinfected every day. Toilets will be cleaned at least twice a day. Outdoor classes can be explored wherever possible.
- ❖ Regular awareness drives for the students relating to COVID-19 norms and updates may be ensured in classroom itself.
- ❖ Regular thermal scanning, wearing of proper face masks by the students, teaching/non-teaching staff, maintenance of proper physical distance and other COVID-19 advisories/SOPs must be followed strictly. The heads of all the educational institutions will circulate official directions in this regard to all the staff/employees under their administrative control.
- ❖ Provision of hand wash/sanitizer will be made at all entry/exit points of the institution.

- ❖ Special attention may be paid during arrival/recess and departure time of the students to keep the proper segregation of the students. Volunteers from the classes & teachers be entrusted the duty of watch and monitor all the activities as well as entry/exit points of the institution to maintain the social distancing.
- ❖ There will be no morning assembly/other assemblies/co-curricular activities/sports events which involves physical touch or gathering of students in the institutions till the situation gets fully normalize.
- ❖ The recess/lunch time may be adjusted in such a manner that students do not gathered at some common place. Class wise lunch break may be adjusted in a staggered manner at different time and students be properly monitored to maintain the social distancing and hygiene in the institutions.
- ❖ For the transportation facility, responsibility of safety and security of students be ensured by following the guidelines issued earlier by the central and state government.
- ❖ Those teaching/on-teaching staff and students having cold/cough/flu like symptoms shall be given day off or leave. Some space in the institution (a room or two) may be spared to nurse students/staff falling sick in the campus.
- ❖ The senior most Associate/Assistant Professor at college level and Lecturer/TGT at school level will be the Nodal officer as well as coordinator to monitor the day to day COVID-19 behaviour situation amongst the staff and students, who will immediately report to the head of the institution for taking immediate action suitably required on the case of emergency.

It is, therefore, directed to adhere all these instructions in true letter and spirit.

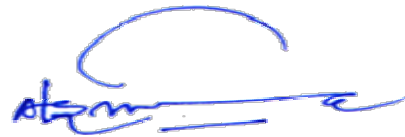


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Endorsement No. Even, Dated: Shimla-1, the 16th February 2022

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2. The Director of Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1
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