

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
HEALTH&FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

No. Health. 175/2020/9

Dated: Shillong, the 1st June 2020

ORDER

PROTOCOL FOR CONDUCT OF WEDDINGS/EVENTS DURING COVID19 PANDEMIC

As per the guidelines of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 30th May, 2020, wherein phased re-opening of activities outside the containment Zones are being allowed, the following protocol post relaxation is notified for conduct of weddings in Churches/Temples/Mosques and other places of worship.

Venue:

1. The venue shall be well-ventilated and preferably in an open space (based on availability and weather conditions)
2. No Air Conditioning to be used. Windows and doors are to be kept open at all times during the event.
3. Venue should be spacious enough to accommodate the guests with Social Distancing up to 2metres.
4. The hall/space should be well sanitized and hygienic.
5. The manager are advised to provide for Hand Sanitizers at the entrance/exit.
6. The spacing and sanitization arrangements shall be inspected by an Officer deputed by the District Administration.
7. Manager should maintain a list of all attendees, event managers and workers of such event.
8. The celebrations shall not spread into various venues. The hosts are advised to stick to one venue as far as is possible.
9. Log book of all involved in the preparations and participation during the event is to be maintained either by the host or the manager with details. Every individual entering the premises or making supplies etc. are to be entered into the log book.
10. The local Dorbar Shnong/Nokma/Locality Committee should be informed in advance about the event for information.

Participants:

1. The number of participants shall not be more than 50 including all of the hosts.
2. Senior citizens above the age of 60 shall not be allowed to attend the event.
3. Children below the age of 10 shall not attend the wedding to prevent the chances of any accidental spread.
4. Pregnant women shall not be allowed to attend the event.
5. Hosts may make arrangements for online viewing of the event.
6. Anyone having symptoms of cough, cold or fever should not be allowed to attend the event.
7. Any gift items that are to be carried with hands may be avoided. Online gifts may be encouraged.
8. All the guests should download and use Aarogya Setu app during and after the event.
9. Hosts are to make arrangements for thermal scanners at the entry to the venue to scan body temperature of all the attending guests.
10. Preparation of food should be done ensuring sanitation and hygiene is strictly maintained during preparation and while serving.
11. All those handling food should compulsorily wear masks to cover their nose and mouths and gloves.
12. Cutlery, crockery and tableware should not be reused after each meal to avoid spreading of germs due to improper and rushed washing. Preferably bio-degradable disposable serving ware may be used.
13. All guests are also to wear masks while attending the event.
14. Guests from outside the State and those in quarantine/or may have just completed 14 days period of quarantine may not be invited.

15. In the case where either the bride or the groom may be from outside the State, permission shall be sought from the Government prior to making arrangements. Matter may be routed to the Political Department in this regard.

It may be noted that no such movements/relaxations will be allowed for anyone from the Containment Zones.

**Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Health & Family Welfare Department**

Memo No. Health. 175/2020/9 (A)

Dated: Shillong, the 1st June 2020

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary to the Governor of Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information of Governor.
2. The Private Secretary to Chief Minister, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information of Chief Minister.
3. The Private Secretary to Deputy Chief Minister, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information of Deputy Chief Minister.
4. The Private Secretary to Health Minister, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information of Health Minister.
5. Private Secretaries to all Ministers, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind of Minister.
6. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
7. The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Commissioners & Secretaries/ Secretaries of all the Department, Government of Meghalaya.
8. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Meghalaya, Shillong.
9. Director of Health Services (MI)/(MCH & FW)/(Research), Meghalaya, Shillong.
10. Director of Information & Public Relation for wide circulation in the Print/Electronic media of the State.
11. The Director General of Police, Meghalaya, Shillong.
12. Deputy Commissioners,
East Khasi Hills, Shillong/West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin/Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh/ West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai/ West Garo Hills District, Tura/ East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar/ South Garo Hills District, Baghmara / North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara/ South West Garo Hills District, Ampati/ East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat/South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat.
13. The Joint Director of Health Services (MCH & FW) I/c IDSP, Meghalaya, Shillong.
14. District Medical & Health Officer,
East Khasi Hills, Shillong/West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin/Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh/ West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai/ West Garo Hills District, Tura/ East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar/ South Garo Hills District, Baghmara / North Garo Hills District, Resubelpara/ South West Garo Hills District, Ampati/ East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat/South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat

By Orders, etc.

Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
Health & Family Welfare Department.