ORDER

Whereas, the Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation, Himachal Pradesh vide letter No.5-99/2020/TSM-201 dated 9th June, 2020, has issued COVID-19 Safety and Hygiene guidelines for Tourism Sector in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India for operation of Hotels and other accommodation units in the State.


Whereas, Chief Secretary-cum-Chairperson, SEC, Himachal Pradesh vide Order No.Rev(DMC)(C)20-2/2020-COVID 19 dated 16th September, 2020 has issued following directions:-

3. Monitoring the spread of COVID-19 and Contact Tracing:

(i) There shall be no requirement of registration for inter-State and intra-State movement of person and goods. No separate permission/approval/e-permit will be required for such movements. However, inter-State movement of public transport buses shall be operated only as per the SOPs to be issued by the Department of Transport, Himachal Pradesh after ensuring full readiness to comply with the SOPs.

(ii) All SOPs issued by different Authorities/ Departments till date shall be aligned in view of the directions at 3(i) above.

Therefore, the undersigned in partial modification of SOPs issued earlier, amend the existing guidelines as follows for information and strict
compliance thereto of all concerned :-

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| 1       | • The minimum duration of stay required previously is now reduced to two nights spread over multiple locations.  
          • The Intending Tourist may get Trunaat /CB Naat Test (negative report in alternative to RT-PCR test, but still from a accredited/ authorized laboratory within a period of 96 hours till the State border.  
          • The period of 96 hours in which tests indicated have to be done will be counted till the border of the State and not for any internal check points.  
          • IT Deptt. shall modify the e-pass software to generate a separate consolidated list of applications under “Tourists” Category. The District Administration shall scrutinize the uploaded documents within a period of “24 hours” of the submission of the applications and give their opinion, else it will be deemed to be approved and the software should automatically forward/ | There shall be no requirement of registration of inter-State movement of persons. No separate permission/approval/prior testing will be required for such movements. |
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All other SOPs will remain in operation till further orders & any violation will invite penal action under Disaster Management Act 2005. These amended Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) shall come into force with immediate effect.

(Devesh Kumar)
Secretary (Tourism & CA) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Pr.Secretary to the Chief Minister, HP, Shimla-2.
3. The Adviser-cum-Pr.Private Secretary to the Chief Minister, HP, Shimla.
4. The Sr.Spl.PS to Chief Secretary, Govt. of HP, Shimla-2.
5. The Secretary to Governor, HP, Shimla-2.
6. All the Divisional Commissioners in HP.
7. All the Heads of Department in HP.
8. The Director, Tourism & Civil Aviation, HP, Shimla-9 for uploading of same on website as well as circulation thereof to all DTDOs / IHMs / concerned stake holders.
9. All the Deputy Commissioners in HP.
10. All the Superintendent of Police in Himachal Pradesh.
11. The Managing Director, HP Tourism Development Corporation, Shimla-1.
13. The Director (IT), Himachal Pradesh.

Addl. Secretary (Tourism & CA) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.