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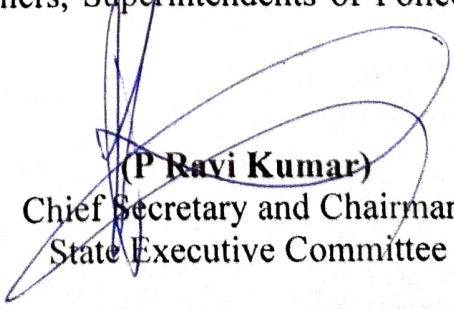
ORDER

Whereas, World Health Organization vide statement dated 26-11-2021 has designated SARS-CoV-2 variant: B.1.1.529 (named Omicron) as **Variant of Concern (VoC)**. Omicron cases have been detected in the Country as well as in the State. Consequently, the Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka, has issued guidelines for rigorous screening and testing of the international arrivals from countries identified "at risk" to prevent spread of VoC in the State, which is in line with the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India.

Whereas, the State Government has issued guidelines vide order dated 03-07-2021 for proactive monitoring and surveillance and focused implementation of the five-fold strategy of test-track-treat-vaccination and adherence to COVID-appropriate behaviour to prevent spread of Omicron in the State.

Whereas, the State Government has been taking all possible measures to combat the spread of COVID 19 in the State. There is a need to take additional measures to prevent spread of COVID 19 during the ensuing festive season. In view of larger public interest and safeguarding public health, it is imperative that Christmas and New Year festivities be celebrated in a simple, traditional and meaning full manner. Hence, special events to celebrate New Year in public places such as pubs/bars/restaurants, etc, needs to be prohibited to prevent large gathering of people.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 24 (1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in the capacity of the Chairman, State Executive Committee, hereby issues guidelines for celebrations of Christmas and New Year, as annexed, for strict implementation by Chief Commissioner BBMP, Police Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, and other Heads of Departments and Authorities.


(P Ravi Kumar)
Chief Secretary and Chairman,
State Executive Committee

To:
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Guidelines for celebration of Christmas and New Year festivities
(Order No. RD 158 TNR 2020, dated 21-12-2021)

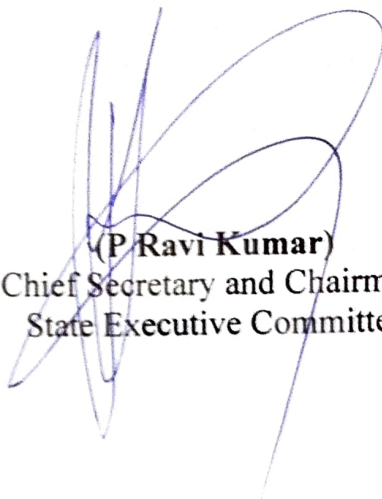
Christmas Celebrations

1. The prayers/mass, etc, in traditional manner be conducted within the Church premises strictly adhering to COVID appropriate behaviour.
2. No public places, roads, parks, etc, be used for celebrations or conducting prayers.

New Year celebrations- the following guidelines will be in force from **30-12-2021 to 02-01-2022.**

1. No special events like DJ, Orchestra, group dancing, etc, permitted either in the clubs/pubs/restaurants/hotels/bars, etc, or in any of the private places.
2. No public places including roads, parks, playgrounds, etc, can be used for any gathering to celebrate New Year festivities.
3. The restaurants/hotels/clubs/pubs can function as usual strictly adhering to COVID appropriate behaviour. All staff members of the said entities to compulsorily possess COVID 19 negative RTPCR report and will be fully vaccinated with 2 doses of COVID 19 vaccine.
4. The entry to restaurants/hotels/clubs, etc, shall be allowed only to the persons who are vaccinated with two doses of COVID 19 vaccine.
5. Apartment associations are permitted to conduct programs within their premises strictly adhering to COVID appropriate behaviour but no special events like DJ, Dance Floor for group dancing, etc, are permitted. The organizers will be responsible to enforce COVID appropriate behaviour during conduct of such programs.
6. There shall be strict implementation of guidelines issued by the Government vide order of even number dated 03-07-2021 and the connecting orders by the concerned authorities. There will be strict enforcement of COVID appropriate behaviour such as compulsory wearing masks, maintain social distancing, etc, in public places such as Hotels, malls, pubs, restaurants etc.
7. The prevailing COVID 19 containment guidelines issued by the State Government will be strictly enforced by the concerned authorities. Further, Standard operating procedure/guidelines issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department, Police Department, Pollution Control Board, Fire and Emergency Services, BBMP, District Administration/authorities and other local authorities shall be strictly followed.

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.



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Chief Secretary and Chairman,
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