



## Ready Reckoner For Sector Magistrates

The Covid 19 pandemic has shown an increasing trend in the number of positive cases through the past few weeks. It has been observed that strong enforcement measures can only reduce the spread of contact cases in the state. The District Magistrates of all districts issued orders under section 144 Cr.P.C to restrict public gatherings and other containment measures. To facilitate this the State Government vide order G.O(Rt) No.768/2020/DMD dated 29.09.2020 has appointed gazetted officers as Sector Magistrates to coordinate and implement the enforcement measures issued in the state.

### Responsibilities of Sector Magistrates

The Sector Magistrates are empowered as Special Executive Magistrates under section 21 of Cr.P.C to monitor and enforce all COVID containment measures existing and those introduced from time to time under Cr.P.C, the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1987 and the Disaster Management Act, 2005. They are also empowered to take actions on any violations of any COVID containment measures.

- Sector Magistrates are primarily responsible for enforcement of Containment regulations, Prohibitory regulations issued under 144 Cr.P.C and other orders issued by State Government and District Magistrates.
- Sector Magistrates shall coordinate all the efforts required to contain the disease spread in their jurisdiction.
- Sector Magistrates shall work in coordination with the personnel already deployed like Police and RRTs and with the senior officers of all departments concerned with the common objective of containment of the pandemic.

- The Sector Magistrate can requisition additional police support for the enforcement of prohibitory orders issued under Section 144 of CrPC. Concerned Station House Officer shall ensure the required police support is provided whenever sought.
- Sector Magistrates shall proactively take steps to control the spread of Covid-19 in their area of jurisdiction and enforce control measures to reduce the number of covid cases.
- Sector Magistrates shall carry out the duties and responsibilities entrusted by Taluk Incident commanders.

The primary responsibility of the Sector Magistrates is enforcement of all regulations and guidelines issued for Covid management in the State. The Sector Magistrates shall enforce all the regulations as directed by the District Magistrates.

### **Enforcement of Containment Activities**

Containment zones are declared to prevent community spread and to quarantine maximum number of possible contacts. It is important to ensure that all regulations to be followed in containment zones are strictly enforced.

- Sector Magistrates shall ensure that containment zones are marked and regulations are enforced as directed by the District Magistrates with the support of Police and RRTs. List of Containment Zones can be accessed in covid Jagratha Portal in the link <https://covid19jagratha.kerala.nic.in/home/containmentZoneList> .
- Sector Magistrates with RRTs have to ensure that **contact tracing** is done effectively by RRT (JPHN/JHI/Asha), LSGI Control Room, marked in the Jagratha portal and all contacts are quarantined.
- Sector Magistrates shall ensure that quarantine regulations are followed and on violations action is taken

- Sector Magistrates shall ensure that in **Containment Zones**, no shops and establishments are open except those related to essential goods and services.
- In **Critical Containment Zones** Strict Enforcement of all restrictions should be ensured by Sector Magistrates.
- They should ensure that people from containment zones are not going out other than for essential services and health services.
- The Sector Magistrate shall report to the concerned Taluk Nodal officer/Incident Commander regarding the activities.

### **Covid Protocol enforcement**

- Sector Magistrates shall ensure all the people use masks properly covering their nose and mouth and are maintaining social distancing. If anyone is found to be not using it properly action should be taken and reported on Jagratha Portal.
- Sector Magistrates shall ensure that there are no public gatherings of more than 5 in number unless allowed as per the 144 Order issued by District Magistrate.
- They shall ensure that public gatherings and participation in religious/social/political/cultural activities are according to the regulations, with the help of Police and take action in case of any violation.
- Sector Magistrates should enforce compliance of **Covid Protocol** (Double Layered Cloth masks, Sanitizers for all, Display of maximum allowed persons, Screening of Symptoms, Visitor's Register) in all Shops and Establishments as laid out under various orders of DDMA. The State Government decided to depute one Police with every sector magistrate. Sector Magistrates can requisition support of more police when required.
- All shops and establishments shall provide hand sanitisers at the entrance and also thermal guns shall be procured by all establishments and every visitor shall be mandatorily screened for symptoms. Queue slots should be clearly marked in front of every shop and the people should wait in the queue for their turn.

- Sector Magistrates shall ensure that Covid19 jagrata visitor's register (<https://covid19jagratha.kerala.nic.in/home/shopOfficeRegistration>) is maintained in all public places and public gatherings (conducted as per the regulations). They should periodically monitor that the registers are maintained properly with required information.
- Sector Magistrates shall enforce all other district specific regulations issued by the District Magistrate.

### **Actions on violations of restrictions**

- The Sector Magistrates should report offences in the jagratha portal . <https://covid19jagratha.kerala.nic.in/home/addOffence>. All Sector Magistrates are given login credentials in the portal wherein they can record the details of the offence and the action taken in its regard.

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Type of Offence</b>
1.	Illegal Public gathering
2.	Opening of shops/establishments violating rules
3.	Spitting on the road
4.	Shops/Establishments not maintaining social distancing
5.	Shops/Establishments not providing masks and sanitisers
6.	Shops/Establishments not maintaining visitors register
7.	Person without wearing proper mask
8.	Violation of section 144 order
9.	Violation of quarantine rules
10.	Ingress & Egress of people in containment zones

11.	Opening of shops/establishments other than of essential goods and services in containment zones
12.	Public transportation in containment zones
13.	Functioning of public markets and weekly markets in containment zones

- Actions on violations of the regulations shall be taken by the Sector Magistrates considering the nature and gravity of the offences. The following actions can be taken by the Sector Magistrates:
  - Issue Warning
  - Order for Imposition of fine by Police
  - Shop or Establishment can be closed for few days
  - Recommend for registering case
- All actions taken/recommended shall be reported in the Jagratha portal in ‘New Offence’ Option available under ‘Offence’ tab in the login of Sector Magistrate.

Police will have access to the details of offences and the action taken by the Police in case where required, can be seen by the Sector Magistrate in ‘All Offence’ and ‘Resolved Offence’ Lists available under ‘Offence’ tab.

Work is in progress to automatically generate and issue notices to the offenders. You will be alerted when it is live. Sector Magistrates will have to upload their facsimile signature.

**Additional responsibilities as directed by the District Magistrates**

In addition to enforcement Sector Magistrates shall also support the Covid management team of their jurisdiction in the following areas:

- Support RRTs in sensitizing all the elderly people and people with comorbidities take proper care to stay away from infection, monitor their health and to approach health services without delay
- Support RRTs in surveillance and monitoring of quarantining/Home isolation
- Support Medical officers in testing of contacts
- Support in the awareness campaign among the public on Break the Chain campaign and other sensitisation programmes.

Sector Magistrates have to work with a clear objective of reducing the covid spread in their jurisdiction. Sector Magistrates have to report the progress of the work to the Taluk Incident Commanders on a daily basis.