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Centre Superintendent
CBSE's Examination Centres

MOST URGENT FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE

Subject: Preventive measures against spread of COVID-19 at examination centers

Dear Centre Superintendent,

This is in continuation of earlier letter no dated 13.03.2020 on the above cited issue, wherein the Board has communicated preventive measures to be adopted at Examination centres to foil the spread of COVID-19.

In this context, you are aware that board examinations for 165 subjects have been held so far, while those for 51 subjects remain. You are also aware that there are only 7 board examinations left that pertain to subjects that have candidature of more than one lakh students of CBSE affiliated schools in India and abroad. These exams of major subjects are to be conducted on 6 dates i.e. on 17th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 23rd, and 24th of March. In rest of the subjects, candidates range between 3000 to 58000 approximately.

The following directions are given to center Superintendents for holding the rest of the board exams:

- It shall be the personal responsibility of each Center Superintendent to ensure that candidates for board exams are seated at a minimum physical distance of one metre from one another.
- For this purpose, wherever the size of the room does not allow for this minimum distance, then the examinees of one room maybe split into 12 each per room and accommodated in separate rooms of the same center. In such a case, the two invigilators given for each room of 24 candidates will split into one each in the rooms with 12 candidates each.
- In case of shortage of classrooms, other rooms such as Library, Auditoriums, Laboratories etc. may be used.
- It will be preferable that all Assistant Superintendents cover nose and mouth with face mask/simple cloth/handkerchief, etc. during invigilation duty.
- Assistant Superintendents etc. may carry their own sanitizer to the exam hall.
- All functionaries at examination centre should maintain good hygiene.
- The CS shall ensure availability of adequate numbers of face masks to be used in case a candidate is found to be coughing/sneezing and has not brought a mask along. Face masks can also be immediately improvised with tissue paper and rubber bands.

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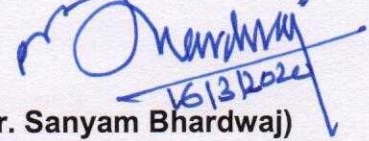


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- h. In case, any candidate is persistently coughing / sneezing after providing face mask, then the CS should make immediate local arrangements to allot separate examination room.
- i. All washrooms in the centre must have enough soap and water.
- j. Provide closed waste bins; these should be lined with fresh garbage bags every day. Ensure safe disposal of these garbage bags every day.
- k. Keep toilets highly sanitized and clean.
- l. **In this context, please find attached Advisory issued today by the Ministry of Health, Government of India (enclosed).**
- m. Follow the instructions issued in Public Interest by State/Central Health Department/ Ministry etc.
- n. Assistant Superintendents in addition to other instructions should also announce following instructions in examination rooms for candidates: -
- candidates will not stand in groups before and after the examination
 - While entering or leaving examination centre, candidates should not be in groups
 - They should wash their hands with soap and water at every possible opportunity and need.
 - Use of handkerchief, tissue paper or folded arm over mouth while coughing/sneezing
 - Throw used tissue into closed bins immediately after use
 - Drink plenty of water and keep the throat moist.
 - Maintain good hygiene in toilets during and after use.
 - Eat nutritious food.
 - Do not touch eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
 - Do not shake hands or hug while greeting. Do 'Namaste'.
 - Refrain from spitting in public places.

We need to work together to change our habits, ensure good health for self and for others and to beat the spread of the virus.

Yours faithfully



(Dr. Sanyam Bhardwaj)
Controller of Examinations

Annexure- As stated above

Advisory on Social Distancing Measure in view of spread of COVID-19 disease

Social distancing is a non-pharmaceutical infection prevention and control intervention implemented to avoid/decrease contact between those who are infected with a disease causing pathogen and those who are not, so as to stop or slow down the rate and extent of disease transmission in a community. This eventually leads to decrease in spread, morbidity and mortality due to the disease.

In addition to the proposed interventions, the State/UT Governments may prescribe such other measures as they consider necessary.

All these proposed interventions shall be in force till 31st of March, 2020. They will be reviewed as per the evolving situation.

The following interventions are proposed:

1. Closure of all educational establishments (schools, universities etc), gyms, museums, cultural and social centres, swimming pools and theatres. Students should be advised to stay at home. Online education to be promoted.
2. Possibility of postponing exams may be explored. Ongoing exams to be conducted only after ensuring physical distance of one meter amongst students.
3. Encourage private sector organizations/employers to allow employees to work from home wherever feasible.
4. Meetings, as far as feasible, shall be done through video conferences. Minimize or reschedule meetings involving large number of people unless necessary.
5. Restaurants to ensure handwashing protocol and proper cleanliness of frequently touched surfaces. Ensure physical distancing (minimum 1metre) between tables; encourage open air seating where practical with adequate distancing.
6. Keep already planned weddings to a limited gathering, postpone all non-essential social and cultural gatherings.
7. Local authorities to have a dialogue with organizers of sporting events and competitions involving large gatherings and they may be advised to postpone such events.
8. Local authorities to have a dialogue with opinion leaders and religious leaders to regulate mass gatherings and should ensure no overcrowding/at least one metre distance between people.

9. Local authorities to have meeting with traders associations and other stakeholders to regulate hours, exhibit Do's and Don'ts and take up a communication drive in market places like sabzi mandi, anaj mandi, bus depots, railway stations, post-offices etc., where essential services are provided.
10. All commercial activities must keep a distance of one meter between customers. Measures to reduce peak hour crowding in markets.
11. Non-essential travel should be avoided. Buses, Trains and aeroplanes to maximize social distancing in public transport besides ensuring regular and proper disinfection of surfaces.
12. Hospitals to follow necessary protocol related with COVID-19 management as prescribed and restrict family/friends/children visiting patients in hospitals.
13. Hygiene and physical distancing has to be maintained. Shaking hands and hugging as a matter of greeting to be avoided.
14. Special protective measures for delivery men/ women working in online ordering services.
15. Keep communities informed consistently and constantly.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare