

Additional Guidelines for Safe Starting
of Classes 5th to 12th in rural areas and 8th to
12th class in urban areas of the State in the
academic year 2021-22.

Government of Maharashtra
Department of School Education and Sports
Government Circular No. Narrow: 2021 / Q.No.113 / SD-6
Madam Kama Marg, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,
Ministry, Mumbai - 400 032. Date: September 24, 2021

- Read: - 1) Government Circular no. Narrow 2020 / Q.86 / SD-6, dated June 15, 2020
- 2) Govt. Circular no. Narrow 2020 / Q.86 / SD-6, dated June 24, 2020
 - 3) Government Circular no. Narrow 2020 / Pr.No.86 / SD-6, dated July 22, 2020.
 - 4) Government Circular no. Narrow 2020 / Q.86 / SD-6, dated August 17, 2020.
 - 5) Government Circular no. Narrow 2020 / S.No.86 / SD-6, dated October 29, 2020.
 - 6) Letter No. from the Director (Primary / Secondary and Higher Secondary) Directorate of Education, State of Maharashtra, Pune. Jakr Amasha / Sha. Beginning / 2021 / S-1/1872, dt. June 14, 2021 In
 - (7). Meeting with the Chief Minister on 22/06/202
 - (8) Government Circular No. Narrow: 2021 / Pr.No.94 / SD-6, dt. July 7, 2021
 - (9) Public Health Department's Break the Chain-Modified Guidelines Order, dt. August 2, 2021
 - (10) Government Circular no. Narrow 2021 / S.No.113 / SD-6, dated August 10, 2021

Background:

Circulars No. 8 and 10 under the above reference have issued guidelines for starting classes in schools in the state. Ma. The Chief Minister has appointed a task force under the Public Health Department to review the situation in the state and make recommendations in connection with the lockdown. During the discussion with the task force on 24.8.2021, the task force has made some recommendations / suggestions regarding starting the school. Out of these instructions, the matter was under consideration of the Government to issue additional guidelines which were not given by the department as per the circulars No. 8 and 10 above.

Circular:

2. Following the additional guidelines mentioned in this circular along with the guidelines given as per Government Circular dated 7th July, 2021 and 10th August, 2021, class 5th to 12th in rural areas and 8th to 12th class in urban areas of the state. Government approval is being given through this circular to start from October 4, 2021.

3. Additional Guidelines:

A) Starting health clinics in every school:

- Start a clinic if possible.
- Check the temperature of the students regularly.
- If possible, seek the help of interested doctor parents.
- All schools should be affiliated to health centres.
- Seek the help of doctors and nurses from local health centres in health clinics.
- The above work should be funded from CSR or local funds.

B) Precautions to be taken while coming to school:

- Teachers should encourage children to come School by Walking.
- In schools where students come by school bus / private vehicle, care should be taken to ensure that only one student travels in one seat.
- The driver / carrier should encourage the students to use sanitizer for the safety of the students while getting on and off the bus.

C) New guidelines for teachers and non-teaching staff:

- Students should be constantly instructed to wash their hands with soap or sanitizer after meals and other matters.
- Students should be instructed to submit homework online so that there is no exchange of books among the students.
- Homework should be done in classes if time permits.

D) Guidance regarding playground:

- In the current situation, no games should be played.
- It's okay to take some games once the corona situation is normal. However, while playing such games, care should be taken as follows.
- Sports equipment should be sanitized regularly.
- Teachers should pay attention to the students who are playing games, especially to the tired and exhausted students.
- Students should have a mask on their face and a distance of 2 meters between them.
- Avoid intimate sports like kho-kho, kabaddi etc. There is no problem in playing cricket / physical education.

E) Finding sick students:

- Students with fever, chills, shortness of breath, scratches on the body, red eyes, chapped and red lips, swollen fingers, hands and joints, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain should be taken to the doctor after notice and decide on student attendance on the advice of a doctor.

F) Informing the teachers about the psychosocial effects on the students- The teachers should take special care of the students showing the following symptoms.

- Irritated, angry and frustrated by small things,
- Always quiet in class and not interested in anything,
- Indicating age inconsistent behaviour e.g. Thumb sucking etc.
- Showing changes in eating and sleeping habits,
- Showing an unusual decline in schooling,
- Helpless and constantly crying students.
- Students with such symptoms should be given special care and interacted with.

G) Guidance to teachers regarding psychosocial health of students:

- In the first 1 to 2 weeks, students should be allowed to get used to school without focusing on direct education.
- Be aware of each student's background and interact with students accordingly.
- Treat cowardly students as normal students,
- Communicate with students and parents online / offline.

H) Discussion in teacher-parent meeting:

- Provide information about covid disease and its prevention,
- Parents' questions should be answered with proper communication,
- Parents should make adequate masks and wash the masks daily,
- Guide parents to keep an eye on their children so that they do not become addicted to mobile phones.
- Getting up early and preparing children for school hours,
- Arrangements should be made for children to carry at least books / books.

I) Precautions to be taken while entering the house:

- Going straight to the bathroom after coming home,
- Bathing and changing uniforms,
- After bathing, the uniform should be dipped in soapy water or the uniform should be optional by the school concerned.
- The mask should also be washed with soapy water and left to dry,
- Parents should make the children aware of the school activities and prepare them for the next day.

L) Regarding utilization of CSR funds:

- Schools should have no problem in getting fan, sanitizer from CSR fund,
- Medical devices like oximeter, infrared thermometer, medicine, mask etc. There should be no problem in getting it from CSR.

4. The above guidelines should be strictly followed. Also, the instructions given by the government regarding Covid from time to time should be followed.

5. This Government Circular has been made available on the website of the Government of Maharashtra www.maharashtra.gov.in and its computer code is 202109241759028921. This circular is being issued with digital signature attestation.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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