

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong the 23rd September, 2021

No.EDN.48/2020/Pt/172: In continuation to the previous notification No. EDN/48/2020 /Pt/162 dated 2nd February 2021, the following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are to be strictly followed for reopening of Hostels:

1. Hostels for only College Students will be allowed to be opened.
2. Students residing/occupying hostels should be vaccinated and no unvaccinated students will be allowed.
3. Hostels for schools will be considered for opening at a later date.
4. Prior to re-opening, the hostels authorities (Govt. or Private) shall conduct awareness programme on COVID-19 Pandemic and protocols to be followed.
5. No boarder(s) shall be forced by the hostel authorities to stay in the hostel rather it shall be on the free will of the student(s) either to stay in hostel or make his/her own arrangement.
6. Boarder(s) of the hostel as well as their parents shall submit an undertaking to abide by COVID-19 Protocols of the Government of Meghalaya and SOPs before occupancy.
7. Boarder(s) shall strictly adhere to the COVID-19 Protocol issued by the Government of Meghalaya.
8. Boarder(s) shall strictly follow the instructions as per awareness programme conducted by the authorities.
9. Rooms shall be allotted on single occupancy basis as far as practicable. Strict perimeter control of 6 feet physical distance shall be observed in case of occupancy in dormitories.
10. Boarder(s) shall at all times wear a face mask except while being inside their respective rooms i.e. for those who are allotted single room.
11. Hostel authorities shall mandatorily make arrangements for hand sanitisers, hand washing facilities with running water and soap at the entrance and other convenient locations within the hostel campus.
12. Boarders are to strictly maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet within the premises of the hostel.
13. Group activities or social gathering inside the hostel campus shall be prohibited.
14. Sharing of items among boarders shall be strictly prohibited.
15. Boarders shall be advised to restrict movement outside the hostel campus except for attending classes and procurement of necessary items.
16. Boarders are to avoid taking food from outside.
17. The seating capacity of students dining hall shall not exceed 1/3rd capacity of the dining area. A staggered timing for breakfast/lunch/dinner should be in place. The canteen may extend operation for opening and closing by few hours from the normal schedule timing.
18. Appropriate distance of 2 meters should be maintain between dining tables in canteen during breakfast/lunch/dinner. Warden should be present during the dining time to ensure strict adherence to social distancing.
19. On-duty canteen staff should be mandatorily screened for their health conditions and personal hygiene before resuming their daily chores and shall compulsorily wear a face-mask, head cover and hand gloves while on duty. They should also ensure social distancing norms and should be sensitised on COVID-19 protocols at all times and monitored for their adherence.

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20. Food waste shall be disposed-off immediately and effectively.
21. Students shall at all times maintain hygienic conditions in hostel premises and other utility area.
22. Regular Cleaning and disinfection (using 1% sodium hypochlorite) of frequently touched surfaces, toilets, bathrooms, etc., twice a day i.e. the morning and evening.
23. Deployment of Adequate staff at the entrance for supervision of body temperature through thermal scanner of boarders should be maintain.
24. The hostel should display State helpline numbers and also numbers of local health authorities etc. to teachers /students / employees to contact in case of any emergency.
25. Posters/standees on preventive measures about COVID-19 to be displayed prominently.
26. Any boarder(s) showing symptoms of COVID-19 shall be immediately kept in isolation and hostel authorities are to inform the local health workers or nearest health care centre.
27. The hostel authorities shall immediately inform the parents to make appropriate arrangements for health care and quarantine. On completion of quarantine and treatment and production of COVID-19 Negative RTPCR Test Report, the student shall be permitted to enter the hostel.

This notification shall come into force with immediate effect till further order.

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**Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt of Meghalaya,
Education Department**

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1. P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya, for his kind information.
2. P.S. to the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Meghalaya, for his kind information.
3. P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of Meghalaya, for kind information.
4. P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, for kind information.
5. P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, Home (Political) etc., for information.
6. P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya, Education Department.
7. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department, for information.
8. The Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Education Department.
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14. The Director of School Education & Literacy, Meghalaya, for information & necessary action.
15. The Director of Educational Research & Training, Meghalaya, for information.
16. The State Project Director, SSA-SEMAM, for information & necessary action.
17. All District School Education Officers, Meghalaya, for information and necessary action.

By Order, etc

**Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Education Department**