

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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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