

HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

DATED 15th March, 2020

M E M O R A N D U M

The World Health Organization has declared the Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) as pandemic. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has issued a Memorandum cautioning the general public to stay away from mass gatherings to curtail spread of the said disease. To avoid such mass gatherings, the State Government has also taken a decision to close down the shopping malls, schools, theaters, colleges, universities, anganavadis and tourist places.

Having regard to the safety of all the litigants, lawyers, visitors to the Court premises and Court staff, and with a view to assist the efforts made by both the Central and the State Governments to prevent spread of said COVID-19, Hon'ble the Chief Justice has issued the following directions which will operate till further orders:

- i) The High Court of Karnataka in its principal seat at Bengaluru and Benches at Dharwad and Kalaburagi will take up only urgent matters;
- ii) Cause lists will be displayed as usual and the Courts will hold sitting at 10.30 a.m. Only those matters on the cause

list, which are stated to be urgent by the members of the Bar or parties-in-person will be taken up at the discretion of the Court. The other matters will be taken up provided, all the contesting parties on both the sides consent for taking up the matters. In respect of the remaining matters on the cause list, dates will be assigned as per the discretion of the concerned Courts;

- iii) The enclosed general advisory should be given wide publicity by displaying it at prominent places in the Court premises and by circulating it to the members of the Bar as well as staff;
- iv) The members of the Bar as well as staff should be advised to strictly follow the said advisory by taking all precautions as mentioned therein;
- v) The members of the staff who are showing the symptoms, as disclosed in the enclosed advisory should immediately consult Government Health Department officials and in emergent cases, contact Arogya Sahayavani at Phone No – 104;
- vi) From Tuesday 17th March, 2020, the visitors to the High Court (except the members of the Bar) will be subjected to thermal screening by the officials of the Health Department

of the State Government. The members of the staff will be subjected to thermal screening in High Court Offices.

- vii) Guidelines regarding use of masks are appended along with this memorandum. All concerned are requested to follow the same.

By order of Hon'ble the Chief Justice,

Sd/-

(Rajendra Badamkar)
Registrar General

Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)- General Advisory for Public

The 2019 novel corona virus (2019-nCoV), Wuhan corona virus, is a contagious virus that causes respiratory infection, can transfer from human to human.

Symptom

- Fever
- Difficulty in Breathing
- Coughing
- Tightness of Chest
- Running Nose
- Head Ache
- Feeling of being Unwell
- Pneumonia

Incubation Period : 2 to 14 days

Mode of transmission

Human Corona virus (2019-nCoV) most commonly spread from an infected person to other through:

- The air by coughing and sneezing
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hand
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands

How to reduce risk of Corona virus infection(2019-nCoV)

- Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol based hand rub
- Cover nose and mouth when coughing & sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu like symptoms
- Avoid frozen meat and use well cooked meat
- Isolation of symptomatic patients for at least 14 days (Home quarantine).

DO's and DON'T's

DO's	DON'Ts
• Cover your nose and mouth with disposable tissue or handkerchief while coughing or sneezing • Frequently wash your hands with soap and water • Avoid crowded places • Person suffering from influenza like illness must be confined at home • Stay more than one meter from persons sick with flu. • Take adequate sleep and rest • Drink plenty of water/liquids and eat nutritious food • Person suspected with Influenza like illness must consult doctor • Used Tissue paper has to be disposed in a closed waste bin	• Touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands • Hugging, kissing and shaking hands while greeting • Spitting in public places • Taking medicines without consulting doctor • Disposal of used napkin or tissue paper in open area • Touching surfaces usually used by public (Railing, gates, etc) • Unnecessary testing • Unnecessary use of mask

For any query related to Novel Corona virus (COVID-19) Arogya Sahayavani (throughout State) Phone No. -- 104 and Kalaburagi Phone No. 1047 may be contacted.

Steps for Hand washing

1



Wet hands with water.

2



Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.

3



Rub hands palm to palm.

4



Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa.

5



Palm to palm with fingers interlaced.

6



Backs of fingers to opposing palm with fingers interlaced.

7



Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa.

8



Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa.

9



Rinse hands with water.

10



Dry hands thoroughly with a single use towel.

11



Use towel to turn off faucet.

12



Your hands are now safe.

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- i) All the District Courts and the Trial Courts will take up only urgent matters;
- ii) The cause lists will be displayed as usual and the Courts will hold sitting in the morning at usual time. Only those matters on the cause list, which are stated to be urgent by

the members of the Bar or parties in person will be taken up at the discretion of the Court. The recording of evidence of witnesses shall be postponed except in exceptional cases. Video conferencing can be resorted to. The other matters will be taken up provided, all the contesting parties on both the sides consent for taking up the matters. In respect of the remaining matters on the cause list, the dates will be assigned as per the discretion of the concerned Courts;

- iii) Even in urgent matters, the presence of the litigants should not be insisted unless it is mandatory, for example, in case of applications for grant of anticipatory bail;
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- vii) As per the Advisory Issued by the State Government, no programmes shall be conducted by the Courts or Legal Services Authority where there are large number of participants. Mass gathering on account of any functions should be avoided.
- viii) New Court buildings or premises which are ready for occupation in all respects should be immediately occupied without holding any formal function. In case, holding of a formal function is necessary, the same can be held only after future directions are issued.

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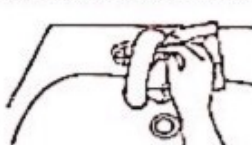
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