

ADVISORY FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON IN VIEW OF THE EMERGENCE OFOMICRON

The emergence of Omicron, which is a new variant of concern and has higher transmissibility than the Delta variant, has been a concern to many, considering the impact that other countries have witnessed. In view of this, the Health Department in consultation with the Medical Expert Committee (MEC) advises the following to the people of the State:

1. The public is advised not to panic as the State is prepared to tackle any eventuality arising from the new variant. Systems of testing and tracing have been put in place in this regard in coordination with Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad at Pasteur Institute Shillong. The Health infrastructure is also well equipped to tackle any eventualities.
2. It is also urged that all eligible individuals should take the vaccine, as data has proven that it is effective in reducing the severity of COVID infection.
3. It is reiterated that early testing and treatment is of utmost importance considering the biphasic nature of COVID-19 infection.
4. It is important to keep following the three non-negotiable COVID appropriate behaviour: (a) always wear a mask, (b) maintain physical distance at all times, and (c) wash/sanitize hands frequently.

Active community participation and behavioural change have been the key factors that helped Meghalaya to not only effectively contain the pandemic but also stand out in terms of pandemic management since 2020. And as the year comes to an end, we once again urge each and every one to continue to take collective responsibility, as has been done, thus far.

Therefore, this Festive Season, while thanking each and every resident of the State for their active cooperation, we invite them to continue to work together to tackle this situation. Because together, we can!


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Health & Family Welfare Department

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1. The Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information of the Governor.
2. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Meghalaya for information of the Chief Minister.
3. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Meghalaya for information of the Deputy Chief Minister.
4. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Speaker, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Shillong for information of the Speaker.
5. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister, I/c Health & Family Welfare, Government of Meghalaya for information of the Minister.
6. The P.S. to the Hon'ble Ministers, Government of Meghalaya for information of the Minister.
7. The Leader of Opposition, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Shillong for information.
8. The P.S. to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, for information of the Chief Secretary.
9. The P.S. to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, for information of the Additional Chief Secretary.
10. The P.S. to the Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department for information of the Principal Secretary.
11. The P.A. to the Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department for information of the Commissioner & Secretary.
12. The Deputy Commissioners, East Khasi Hills, Shillong/ West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin/ Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh/ West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai / West Garo Hills District, Tura / East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar/ South Garo Hills District, Baghmara/ North Garo Hills, Resubelpara/ South West Garo Hills, Ampati/ East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat/ South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat// Eastern West Khasi Hills, Mairang for information and necessary action.
13. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Meghalaya, Shillong for information.
14. The Director of Health Services (MI)/ (MCH &FW)/ (Research), Meghalaya, Shillong for information and necessary action.
15. The Director of Information & Public Relations, Meghalaya, Shillong for information and wide circulation in print and electronic media.
16. Joint Director of Health Services (MCH&FW) I/c IDSP, Meghalaya for information.
17. Joint Mission Director, National Health Mission, Meghalaya, Shillong.
18. The District Medical & Health Officer, East Khasi Hills, Shillong/ West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin/ Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh/ West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai / West Garo Hills District, Tura / East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar/ South Garo Hills District, Baghmara/ North Garo Hills, Resubelpara/ South West Garo Hills, Ampati/ East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat/ South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat/ Eastern West Khasi Hills, Mairang for information and necessary action.
19. All Administrative Department/ Heads of Department.

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