

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

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In view of the gradual easing of the lockdown, that was imposed to tackle the COVID -19 situation in the State, the following health protocol for markets is being issued for necessary information and compliance of all concerned :-

HEALTH PROTOCOL FOR MARKETS

General protocol for all markets:

1. All market Committee should constitute 'Market COVID-19 Management Committee' to ensure strict implementation of health protocols.
2. All markets must have adequate facilities for hand washing/ hand sanitization.
3. All markets should ensure that all shops are not open together. There should be odd - even numbered shops which would be allowed to open on alternate days.
4. The odd numbered shops would open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, while the even numbered shops would open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
5. The shopkeepers would be responsible for maintaining physical distance between the customers, and avoid crowding at all times.
6. People should not shake hands, come in direct contact or hug each other in greeting.
7. All customers should also wear mask all the time while purchasing things from the market.They should practice hand-hygiene and physical distancing.
8. All shopkeepers and vendors must wear masks properly by covering their nose, mouth and chin parts of the face at all times.
9. The market committee must lay down fines for shop owners/people who do not wear masks or spit in open/ public places.
10. Market committees must ensure that regular sanitization of the markets are carried out before and after business hours and also frequently touched parts like door handles/ knobs are regularly cleaned.
11. There should be prominent health advisories displayed in the markets in local languages.
12. Market committees must ensure that customers bring their own bags and avoid the use of plastic bags as much as possible to minimise the chance of spread of the virus, as it lasts longer on smooth and non-porous surfaces in comparison to porous surfaces like cloth.
13. There should be minimal time spent by the customers at a Shop. More exposure might lead to cross-infections.
14. Markets must encourage cashless transactions, wherever feasible to minimise direct contact.
15. Garbage and waste disposal protocols as per CPCB must be ensured. There must not be any littering in the market area.

Additional protocol for vendors in Weekly Haat/ Roadside markets:

1. The Haat/ Roadside markets should ensure that there is at least 2 metres distance between the stalls/ vendors.
2. The customers should also maintain physical distance between themselves.

