

Tamil Nadu releases its guidelines to be operational from the 6th of May 2020.

According to the Guidelines released the prevailing practices in Containment Zones continue and curfews are fully enforced without any relaxation in the containment zones.

Within the Metropolitan area of Madras and within the limits of the Chennai Police the following activities are permitted (except the Disease Control Area - Being the Containment Zones);

1. Construction work is permitted where construction workers are present at the site.
2. Construction and road construction of all government and public sector enterprises will be permitted.
3. Special Economic Zones, Export Oriented Enterprises and Export Units (SEZ, EOU & Export Units): Following the inspection of the Chennai Municipal Commissioner / District Collector and depending on circumstances it is permissible to work with 25% employees (minimum 20 persons). Employees must come only in vehicles arranged by the company.
4. IT & ITeS: 10% employees (minimum 20 persons) are allowed to operate. Employees must come only in vehicles arranged by the company.
5. Shops selling essential items will be allowed to operate from 6am to 5pm.
6. E-commerce companies that provide essential commodities can operate at already permitted times.
7. Restaurants can only offer parcels service from 6am to 9pm.
8. Standalone and Neighbourhood Shops (Except Hair Salon / Beauty Salon), Hardware, Cement, Construction Products, Sanitary ware, Electrical Products, Mobile Phone, Computers, Household appliances, Electric Motor, Eye Glasses are Permitted including repair shops, are allowed between 11am and 5pm.
9. Self-employed employees, including plumber, electrician, AC mechanic, carpenter, Home Care Providers and maids, will be permitted with the permission of the Chennai Municipal Commissioner / District Collector.

Except the area under the jurisdiction of the Chennai Police, in the other parts of Tamil Nadu (except Disease Control Zones) the following activities are permitted:

1. All factories with 50% employees (minimum 20 persons) in rural and panchayat areas (including textiles industry) are allowed to operate.

2. In the case of rural/panchayats areas with a population of more than 15, 000, the District Collector after inspects permit textile industry to function with 50% employees depending on circumstances.
3. In SEZ, EOU, industrial areas (Rural and urban) may be allowed to function with up to 50% of the workforce. Textile companies are not allowed to operate in urban areas.
4. The export Companies within urban areas will be permitted to operate with 50% employees after inspection by the District collector and depending on circumstances.
5. Hardware Manufacturers would be permitted to function with 50% of employees.
6. Spinning mills in rural areas will be allowed to operate with shift of 50% of the workforce and by following proper physical distancing.
7. Design and supply of leather goods and apparel exports in urban areas: The District Collector will examine and can permit to function with 30 percent of the workforce.
8. Information Technology (IT & ITes): 50% of employees will be allowed to work with (minimum 20 people).
9. Construction work in urban areas would be permitted only if the employees are staying in the place of work. One time permission would be granted to bring the employees from other place.
10. Construction of roads and road works by government and public sector organisations will be permitted.
11. Self-employed workers, including plumber, electrician, AC mechanic and carpenter, will be allowed after obtaining the clearance from the District Collector.
12. Care givers for differently able persons and elderly. Household workers (Maids) shall be permitted to work with the permission of the District Collector.
13. Press are allowed to operate
14. Hardware, Cement, Building Materials, Sanitary ware, Electrical Device Stores required for construction work are permitted between 9am to 5pm only. There are no restrictions for transporting construction materials.
15. All standalone shops including mobile phone, computer, home appliances, electric motor repair, eye glasses sale and repairs are permitted between 10am to 5pm.
16. All private shops in rural areas are allowed to operate only from 9 am to 5 pm.
17. Restaurants can only offer parcels from 6am to 9pm.
18. E-commerce companies can operate as already permitted.
19. The District Collector may permit the functioning of all shops to operate only from 10 am to 5 pm, excluding Malls and Market Complexes in village and municipal areas depending on the circumstances.

GENERAL:

All district collector and municipal commissioners are advised to strictly follow and monitor that the workers and employees are maintain physical distancing and using disinfectant as per the SOP issued by the Government. As the curfew continues, it is advised that no more than 5 people gather in public places.

Agro processing and related works, Industry and Commercial Operations, medical work and Essential Services such as banks, Amma canteen, ATMs, orphanages, etc., can be fully operational without any restriction.

Mineral and mining, brick kilns, stone quarries, m-sand, crushers and transport of materials for construction work are permitted.

For the Big Industries, IT Companies Construction work to commence operations and for passes of its vehicle and employees shall apply and obtain for permission online to the District collector/corporation commissioner. In urban areas, the companies would have to transport their employees in their buses and vans with 50 % capacity and following proper physical distancing.

SME companies, works in villages and standalone shops do not require permission to operate.

Until further orders, the restriction for functioning of the following activities which is already in force shall continue: -

1. Schools, Colleges, Training Institutes, Research Institutes and All Educational Institutions.
2. Worship places, public worship, and all religious gatherings.
3. Movie theatres, amusements, bars, gymnasiums, beach, picnic spots, zoos, museums, swimming pools, sports halls, large halls, and meeting places.
4. All kinds of religious, social, political, sports, entertainment, educational, cultural events, ceremonies, meetings, and processions.
5. Public, air, rail, public bus transport.
6. Taxi, Auto, Bicycle Rickshaw.
7. Metro Rail and Interstate Bus Transport.
8. Public transit between states.
9. PG accommodation (excluding employee hotels), PG accommodation, resorts.
10. No more than 20 persons should attend the funerals.
11. For weddings, existing procedures will continue.

In accordance with the procedures laid down by the Government, the District Collectors / Chennai Municipal Commissioner shall make all necessary arrangements to issue permission to industries to enable them to start functioning from 06.05.2022. The Tamil Nadu government is constantly monitoring the spread of the disease. As and when the disease reduces, the Government of Tamil Nadu will announce further relaxation. I urge the public to extend their full support and cooperation to the efforts undertaken to control the impact of the coronavirus.
