

**GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
HOME DEPARTMENT
NAGALAND STATE DIASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
NAGALAND: KOHIMA**

NO.NSDMA-IEC-COVID19/298/2020

Dated Kohima, the 19th March 2020

ADVISORY FOR PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF CORONA VIRUS(COVID-19)

In view of the need to take urgent measures for preventing and controlling the spread of Novel Corona (COVID-19) in the State, and as a matter of abundant caution, the following advisory is issued in public interest:

1. All the Faith Based Organizations are advised to refrain from holding any social and religious functions which may see the gathering of large number of people.
2. The Faith Based Organizations are requested to use their platforms to disseminate the following messages to their members/ people in the mode and manner as found most suitable and effective by them:
 - a) To practice **social distancing** which means maintaining a greater than usual physical distance from other people or of avoiding direct contact with people or objects in public places. A minimum of 1(one) meter distance from other people may be maintained in religious centres/houses of worship, hospitals, malls, market places, restaurants, public transport, etc.
 - b) Avoid all non-essential travels, going to crowded places, markets as far as possible
 - c) Keep number of guests minimal if social events cannot be postponed
 - d) Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces like doorknobs, tables and handrails regularly with water and soap
 - e) To avoid close contact with anyone suffering from cold, cough or flu like symptoms
 - f) Refrain from shaking hands and hugging as a matter of greeting
 - g) Create habits and reminders to avoid touching face and to cover mouth and nose while sneezing and coughing

- h) Wash hands frequently before interacting with any sick or old person or a person having chronic medical conditions like diabetes, heart disease , kidney disease, obesity, cancer and other such ailments that suppress the immune system, and wherever possible provide a protected space for such persons in the homes
- i) Avoid spitting in open spaces/public places
- j) To use a face mask to cover one's nose and mouth for personal protection if caring for individuals who have symptoms, such as cough and fever.
- k) All persons, including students studying outside Nagaland, who have entered the State on or after 1st of March, 2020 from outside; to contact the helpline numbers, 7005415243/ 9856071745/ 7005539653 or send mail to nlssu.idsp@nic.in of the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Nagaland for guidance and getting himself or herself screened.
- l) Avoid circulating unconfirmed messages/rumours in social media.


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Copy to:

1. The Bishop, Diocese of Kohima
2. The Nagaland Baptist Church Council (NBCC)
3. The Nagaland Christian Revival Church Council (NCRCC)
4. The Catholic Association of Nagaland (CAN)
5. The Assembly of God Church Association of Nagaland
6. The Pentecostal Church Association of Nagaland
7. All the Deputy Commissioners, Nagaland for delivery of the advisory to all the Hindu/ Muslim/ Sikh/ Jain Faith Based Organizations in their respective districts.
8. The Director IPR for wide publicity.
9. Office copy

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