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**Advisory for Parks
In the Context of Unlock 1.0**

To All the Concerned

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 to Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) through Order No: RD158TNR 2020 dated 14-04-2020 of Government of Karnataka and as per National Directives issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and SOP issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, the following advisory is issued for BBMP to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic at Parks / Green Spaces in the city.

This advisory is issued for necessary implementation during the Phased Reopening (Unlock 1.0) to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic at parks / green spaces which are frequented by a large number of people for exercising, walking and recreation. It is important to maintain Physical Distancing and follow the directions in this advisory for the Safety of our Citizens and the City in this Unlock 1.0 period.

At the outset, the main directions to be followed at parks / green spaces are:

- ✓ Parks in Containment Zones shall remain closed.
- ✓ Persons above 65 years of age, persons with comorbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home, except for essential and health purposes. Park management to advise accordingly.
- ✓ Large gatherings/congregation at parks continue to remain prohibited.

Along with these National directives, the following directives shall be read and followed for containment of the spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic:

1. Physical Distancing:

- ✓ Physical Distancing for minimum 6 feet, wearing of the mask at the parks is mandatory and respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed.
- ✓ Staggering of the public who visit the parks is necessary, to the maximum extent possible.
- ✓ Adequate manpower shall be deployed by Park Management for ensuring Physical Distancing norms.
- ✓ Specific markings in the seating arrangement inside the parks should adhere to Physical Distancing norms.

- ✓ Staggered entry for visitors shall ensure there is adequate Physical Distancing.
- ✓ Use of exercise equipment / Children Play Areas inside the parks shall remain closed as it is a challenge to keep these surfaces clean and disinfected.

2. Sanitization:

- ✓ Carry Hand Sanitizer, if possible, with at least 60% alcohol.
- ✓ Hand Sanitizer dispenser to be provided at the entry and exit points to all visitors and staff/workers.
- ✓ All parks should conduct thermal screening provisions at the entrance and only asymptomatic person(s) shall be allowed.
- ✓ Frequent cleaning and disinfection of seating area, handrails, benches, etc. is mandatory.
- ✓ Effective sanitization within the premises shall be maintained with particular focus on lavatories, drinking, and handwashing stations/areas at all times. Deep cleaning of all washrooms shall be ensured at regular intervals.
- ✓ Proper disposal of face covers/masks/gloves leftover by visitors and/or employees should be ensured.

3. Masks / Face Coverings:

- ✓ The face covers/masks have to be worn at all times when at public places.
- ✓ Also, it is important to wear a face mask correctly. The FAQs about how to wear a mask are available for access on the link here: <http://covid19.bbmpgov.in/pages/faqs>.

4. Other Important Directives:

- ✓ Self-monitoring of health and reporting any illness at the earliest to BBMP helpline.
- ✓ Spitting should be strictly prohibited.
- ✓ The Aarogya Setu mobile application is a powerful tool built by the Government of India to facilitate quick identification of persons infected by COVID-19, or at the risk of being infected. The park management to display boards that the application shall be installed by all visitors and workers on their mobile phones.

5. To Workers:

- ✓ All workers at the park who are at higher risk i.e. older, pregnant women, and workers who have underlying medical conditions, must take extra precautions. They should preferably not be exposed to any front-line work requiring direct contact with the public.



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6. In case of a suspect or confirmed case in the premises:

- ✓ Isolate the person from others at the park.
- ✓ In the case of parks with high footfall, the management can have one identified Health Assistant to facilitate or help in times of emergency.
- ✓ Immediately inform the nearest medical facility (hospital/clinic) or call the state or BBMP helpline.
- ✓ A risk assessment will be undertaken by the designated public health authority and the need for disinfection.
- ✓ Disinfection of the area to be taken up if the person is found COVID-19 Positive.

Persons above 65 years of age, persons with comorbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home and avoid unnecessary movement/travel as much as possible.

For information of Bengaluru Citizens, the FAQs in connection with this advisory and other advisories issued by the undersigned in the context of Unlock 1.0 can be accessed at the link here: <http://covid19.bbmpgov.in/pages/faqs>. This advisory can be accessed on the BBMP COVID-19 Dashboard. The link to access is: <http://covid19.bbmpgov.in>.

The National Directives about Face Coverings / Physical Distancing / No spitting / No urination in Public Places shall be followed as a matter of Social Responsibility and for Personal Safety. Your Health and Safety is our prime concern. Let us adapt to the New Norm to Stay Safe and strive sincerely to keep Namma Bengaluru Safe in this fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is issued on 12th June 2020 for information of all citizens in the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.



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