

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

No. Health.74/2020/128

Dated Shillong the 31st December 2020.

ADVISORY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC ON NEW YEARS' EVE

At the onset, the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Meghalaya would like to take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Meghalaya a very happy and safe New Year 2021.

The year 2020 has been one that has brought upon every citizen its own set of challenges but, it must be mentioned that as a State, we have performed well so far in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic situation. And this has all been made possible through the active support of each and every one of you- the community in general and each and every person in particular who have, time and again, adhered to the health advisories issued from time to time. We especially acknowledge the tireless and relentless efforts of our healthcare workers and community COVID management teams who continue to selflessly serve the State in times of crisis.

However, the detection of a new and highly infectious variant of SARS- CoV-2 virus leaves no room for complacency and extra efforts must be made by each and every one of us to curb the transmission of the virus. In view of this, the Health Department reiterates the importance of exercising extra caution. The residents are urged to strictly adhere to the following advisories on New Years' eve:

1. All residents are urged to have simple celebrations on December 31 by maintaining 'COVID appropriate behaviour' during these celebrations.
2. People are requested not to converge in large numbers and take extra care to maintain COVID-19 protocols, i.e., social distancing, wearing masks in public and use of hand sanitizers.
3. Maintain physical distance and wear a mask at all times in public spaces including religious gatherings or while travelling in public or private transport.
4. All symptomatic persons are advised to stay away from crowded places
5. Follow all the public health measures of infection prevention and control laid down by the State Government.

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 in 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, on New Years' eve, we thank each and every resident of the State for their active cooperation and call upon them to continue to work together with the State Government to tackle this situation. Because together, we can!

Sd/
(Sampath Kumar, IAS)
Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Health & Family Welfare Department.

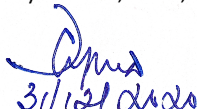
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By order, etc.,


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Joint Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
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