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SOP on preventive measures to be followed in Entertainment Parks and similar places to contain spread of COVID-19

1. Background

Entertainment Parks and similar places are frequented by a large number of people for leisure and entertainment. To prevent spread of COVID-19 infection, it is important that required physical distancing and other preventive measures are followed in these places.

2. Scope

This document outlines various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be ensured at Entertainment Parks and similar places to prevent spread of COVID-19. Entertainment Parks and similar places in Containment Zones shall remain closed. Only those outside Containment Zones will be allowed to reopen.

The authority with appropriate jurisdiction may consider implementing additional measures as per their local assessment and in line with activities permitted by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) as per MHA orders issued under Disaster Management Act, 2005 from time to time.

3. Promoting COVID appropriate behaviour

Simple public health measures are to be promoted to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 infection. These measures are to be observed by all (staff and visitors) in these places at all times.

These include:

- i. Physical distancing of at least 6 feet to be followed as far as feasible.
- ii. Use of face covers/masks to be made mandatory.
- iii. Practice frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be made wherever feasible.
- iv. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.
- v. Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest to State or District helpline.
- vi. Spitting shall be strictly prohibited.
- vii. Installation & use of Aarogya Setu App shall be advised to all.

4. Protecting the vulnerable population

- i. 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. Entertainment Park management to advise its clients accordingly.
- ii. Employees who are at higher risk i.e. older employees, pregnant employees and employees 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.

5. Providing and maintaining healthy environment at Entertainment Park and similar places

- i. Prior to resumption of activities, all work areas, public utility areas and open spaces (including but not limited to rides, museums, gardens, food courts, gift shops, theatres, etc.) shall be sanitized with 1% Sodium Hypochlorite solution. Thereafter this will be done on a regular basis. Detailed guidelines are available at: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Guidelinesondisinfectionofcommonpublicplacesincludingoffices.pdf>.
- ii. Cleaning and regular disinfection (using 1% Sodium Hypochlorite solution) of frequently touched surfaces (door knobs/handles, elevator buttons, hand rails, slides, chairs, tabletops, benches, washroom fixtures, etc.) and floors, walls etc. to be done before opening of Entertainment Park, at the end of the day and at other appropriate times.
- iii. Provisions to be made for multiple hand washing stations and hand sanitizers for the use of public. Provision of soap in toilets and hand sanitizers in other common areas in sufficient quantity must be ensured.
- iv. Deep cleaning of all drinking and hand washing stations, washrooms, showers and lavatories shall be ensured.
- v. Visitors and employees should be advised to dispose of used face covers / masks in separate covered bins placed in common areas.
- vi. Swimming Pool (wherever applicable) shall remain closed.
- vii. Water themed Entertainment Parks and water rides shall ensure adequate and regular water filtration and chlorination as per laid down standards.
- viii. Staggered timing and regulation of physical numbers on these rides be ensured.
- ix. Theatres will only allow 50% of seating capacity duly ensuring physical distancing norms.

6. Planning for operations, scheduling and monitoring of activities

6.1 Physical distancing

- i. For ensuring physical distancing inside and outside the premises, specific markings on the floor may be made. Similarly, physical distancing shall also be maintained in office areas and common utility areas.
- ii. There will be queue management inside and outside the premises. Enough personnel will be deployed to monitor the queue and physical distancing.
- iii. Lockers for staff and visitors will remain in use; physical distancing and regular disinfection to be maintained.

6.2 Crowd management

- i. The crowd density does not remain the same throughout and usually peaks on weekends and holidays. Planning should specifically factor-in requirement for these peak days.
- ii. Provision for online tickets must be encouraged.
- iii. The tickets sold shall be commensurate with the floor area per person that is required for fulfilling the physical distancing norms. Accordingly, entry to the Entertainment Park shall be regulated.
- iv. Entry of visitors with tickets to be monitored to ensure that the number of visitors inside the Entertainment Park at any given time doesn't exceed the permissible limit.
- v. CCTV monitoring shall be ensured to detect crowding at any Rides or Food Court etc.