Government of Punjab Department of Home Affairs & Justice (Home -4 Branch)

To

- All the Divisional Commissioners and the Deputy Commissioners in the State
- All the Zonal IGPs, Commissioners of Police,
 DIGs and SSPs in the State

No.7/56/2020/2H4/4012

Dated: Chandigarh, the 20th July, 2021.

Sub: COVID-19 restrictions till 31.07.2021.

- To contain and manage Covid-19, in exercise of the power conferred under section 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, read with all other enabling provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005, following restrictions are imposed till 31st July 2021:
 - a) Gatherings shall be restricted to not more than 150 persons indoors and 300 persons outdoors subject to an upper limit of 50 % of the capacity. Artists/ musicians shall be allowed at such functions/ celebrations in all areas with due COVID protocols.
 - b) All bars, cinema halls, restaurants, spas, swimming pools, coaching centers, sports complexes, gyms, malls, museums, zoos, etc. shall be allowed to operate at 50 % of their capacity subject to all staff present being fully vaccinated. All users of swimming, sports and gym facilities shall be persons over 18 years who have taken at least one dose of the vaccine. Strict COVID protocols shall be put in place for operations.
 - c) Colleges, coaching centers and all other institutions of higher learning shall be allowed to open by the Deputy Commissioner concerned subject to a certificate having been submitted that only fully vaccinated teaching, non-teaching staff and students shall be allowed.

d) Schools:

i. Schools for Class 10, 11, and 12 shall be permitted to open from Monday (26th July 2021) but only those teachers and staff shall be allowed to be physically present who are fully vaccinated. Physical presence of the students shall be purely at the consent of the parents and the option of virtual classes shall be continued. An undertaking to this effect shall be submitted to the Deputy Commissioners concerned.

- ii. If the situation remains under control, the remaining classes shall similarly be allowed to open from 2nd August 2021.
- iii. Strict protocols shall be in place to ensure that COVID appropriate behaviour is enforced. The Department of School Education shall issue instructions in this regard.
- 2. District authorities shall also continue to ensure strict implementation of all the extant directives of MHA/State Government on Covid appropriate behaviour including social distancing wearing of face masks etc.

Secretary (Home) 20.07.2021

CC:

- 1. CPS/CM
- 2. CS
- 3. PSCM
- 4. All administrative Secretaries/Registrar Punjab & Haryana High Court
- 5. DGP Punjab
- 6. ADGP-Law & Order