



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Disaster Management Department – Expanding the bed capacity available in Hospitals for Covid 19 care to cater to Covid 19 patients requiring hospitalization during the current surge – Extraordinary measures warranted – Orders issued

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**DISASTER MANAGEMENT(A)DEPARTMENT**

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**ORDER**

The State has been combatting the surge in Covid 19 cases during the second wave requiring hospitalization in huge numbers. Covid bed occupancy in hospitals treating Covid 19 patients is nearing saturation in many districts in both the Government and private hospitals. Finding ‘appropriate’ beds for all Covid 19 patients needing hospitalization during the surge is important. It is highly necessary to expand the hospital bed capacity to cater to Covid 19 patients requiring hospitalization. In this situation, hospitals (Government and Private) treating Covid 19 patients will have to direct more of their resources for Covid 19 care. Hospitalization of elective cases and non-serious non-Covid cases should be minimized in hospitals treating Covid 19 patients so that not less than fifty percent of the available resources in these hospitals are spared for treatment of Covid 19 patients during the surge. Emergency non-Covid cases should definitely be taken care of as usual without denial. A united fight against Covid-19 with greater co-operation and participation of the private sector is highly warranted to tide over the present crisis. It is evident that extraordinary measures are required to combat Covid 19.

Therefore, in order to immediately expand the bed capacity in hospitals that can cater to the treatment of Covid 19 patients requiring hospitalization, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 20 read with sections 24 and 65 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in the capacity as the Chairman, State Executive Committee of the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, hereby issue the following orders with immediate effect:

1. Fifty percent of the beds available in Government, Private ( including private medical college hospitals ), Cooperative and ESI Hospitals shall be set apart exclusively for the treatment of Covid 19 patients requiring hospitalization.
2. Allotment of Covid 19 patients requiring hospitalization to half of the above

beds (i.e., 25 % of total beds in Government and Private hospitals treating Covid 19 patients) shall be done by the respective District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) , aided by the District Programme Monitoring and Support Units (DPMSUs).

3. The DDMAs shall appoint Incident Commanders in all major Hospitals.

The order shall be in force till the State tides over the Covid 19 surge and returns to normalcy.

(By order of the Governor)  
**DR. V P JOY**  
**CHIEF SECRETARY**

To:

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All Heads of Departments including State Police Chief  
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The Commissioner, Disaster Management,Thiruvananthapuram  
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