

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

Order No.48/COVID-19/2020

Date.09.05.2020

**COVID INSTANT ORDER - 48**

Sub: - Opening of Shops in various districts- Clarification regarding

Ref: - 1. MHA Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

2. COVID Instant order No 43 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

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The Government of India Vide order in ref 1 above and the state Government vide Order 2 above have permitted limited opening of shops. The following orders are issued to clarify and operationalize the same:

1. No Shops shall remain open in the containment Zone i.e. Core area and Buffer Zone as notified by the district administration till the containment operations are completed and area duly de-notified.
2. In all other places, Shops may remain open from 10 am to 5 pm only, wherever they are applicable except shops like pharmacies which are specially permitted for longer duration previously.
3. No Shopping Malls, market complexes or markets in urban areas shall be allowed.
4. All shops in rural areas, except in malls are permitted to remain open without any distinction of essential and non-essential.
5. In Urban Areas, colony shops or shops within residential complexes are permitted to open. The standalone shops shall also be allowed to open. However, in other places outside the containment zone, places where there are adjacent shops except those selling groceries, pharmacies and other daily essentials, the municipal commissioners shall in consultation with the market association will ensure at least one closed shop in between two open shops in order to ensure that there is no crowding. The shops closed on one day may be allowed to open on the next day as per a pre decided roaster allowing equal opportunity to all.
6. In Municipal Corporations and municipalities with large number of active cases, the district collectors may allow only shops selling essential goods, shops selling material required for construction activities, shops selling products required for agricultural operations like seeds/pumps etc., and shops selling products required for industrial operations including their spare parts
7. Social distancing of 6 feet will be maintained in all the above cases.

  
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT.**

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1. All District Collectors and Municipal Commissioners for necessary compliance

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