

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Memo Rc.No.151/A&amp;I/2020

Dated:29/01/2021

Sub:-	School Education – COVID-19 – Reopening of Schools in a graded manner and Learning with Physical/Social Distancing for the academic year 2020-21 – Opening of Classes I - V from 01.02.2021 – Certain instructions issued – Regarding	
Ref:-	1)	G.O.Rt.No.216, Dated:01.11.2020 from the School Education (Prog.II) Department, GoAP.
	2)	This Office Circular No.191/A&I/2020, Dt:03/11/2020
	3)	G.O.Rt.No.229, Dated:23.11.2020 from the School Education (Prog.II) Dept., GoAP.
	4)	Govt. Memo No.ESE01-SEDNOCSE/1324/2020-Prog.II, Dated:13-12-2020.
	5)	This office Memo.Rc.No.151/A&I/2020, Dated:17.01.2021.
	6)	This office Memo.Rc.No.151/A&I/2020, Dated:26.01.2021.
	7)	F.No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A), Dt-27-01-2021 of the Union Home Secretary & Chairman, NEC, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

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The attention of all the Regional Joint Directors of School Education and the District Educational Officers in the State is invited to the reference 7<sup>th</sup> cited and informed that, in continuation to the orders issued in G.O 2<sup>nd</sup> & Memo 5<sup>th</sup> cited, the undersigned has been accorded permission for reopening of Classes I to V from 01.02.2021 daily in all government, aided and unaided private schools.

Further, schools will function full day from 01.02.2021 onwards for Classes I to V daily as per the SCERT Academic Calendar (i.e., 09.00 AM to 03.45 PM for Primary Schools) subject to the following conditions and precautions:

a) Students may attend schools physically only with the written consent of parent/guardian.

b) Wearing of masks is mandatory for all children, teaching and non teaching staff.

c) Frequent hand washing and all related precautions to contain COVID 19 as per the guidelines/SoP already communicated in the ref 1st cited.

d) Further, social distancing shall have to be adhered. In this regard, the following pattern shall be followed:

Sl.No	Enrolment range	Frequency of Classes proposed
1	0-20	Every day (Class I-V)

2	21-40	If there are two classrooms in a school, Classes will run every day (Class I-V)
3	41-60	If there are three classroom in a school, classes will run every day (Class I-V), otherwise alternative day (Class I, III, V – One Day & Class II & IV – Alternative day)
4	61-80	If there are four classroom in a school, classes will run every day, otherwise alternative day (Class I, III, V – One Day & Class II & IV – Alternative day)
5	81-100	If there are five classroom in a school, classes will run every day, otherwise alternative day (Class I, III, V – One Day & Class II & IV – Alternative day)
6	Above 100	Alternative Days (Class I, III, V – One Day & Class II & IV – Alternative day)

In view of the above, the under mentioned officers are requested to take required steps to reopen the Classes I to V from 01.02.2021 in all schools under all managements and issue necessary instructions to the field level functionaries to follow the above procedure for reopening of classes I - V and ensure strict enforcement of guidelines/ Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all activities in the schools issued by the Union/ State Governments for strict compliance on COVID-Appropriate behavior in the schools without fail.

The detailed SoPs for opening of primary sections /schools issued by the Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department is herewith appended.

The Academic Calendar for respective classes i.e., I to VI will be issued by the Director, SCERT., A.P accordingly and also in consonance with the SoP issued by Medical and Heath, Medical and Family Welfare Department.

*Encl: As above*

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DIRECTOR, SCHOOL EDUCATION**

To

All Regional Joint Directors of School Education in the State.

All the District Educational Officers in the State.

Copy submitted to the Principal Secretary to Govt., School Education Department, Govt. of A.P., Velagapudi for favour of Information.

Copy submitted to Chairman, AP School Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission, Ibrahimpatnam for favour of information.

Copy submitted to Principal Secretary, Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department, AP, Amaravathi

Copy submitted to Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, AP, Amaravathi

Copy to Commissioner, Family Welfare, AP, Amaravathi

Copy to Commissioner and Director, Municipal Administration, Guntur

Copy to Director, Social Welfare/Tribal Welfare/B C Welfare/Minorities Welfare

Copy to Secretary, APREIS/APSWREIS/APTWREIS/APBCWREIS, AP, Amaravathi.

Copy to State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Vijayawada.

Copy to all Collectors & District Magistrates in the state.

Copy to all Joint Collectors, (Village & Ward Secretariat and Development) in the State.

Copy to the Addl. PS to Hon'ble Minister for Education, Government of A.P.,  
Amaravati for favour of information

**SOPs for opening of primary schools**

- Pre and Primary Schools may be opened in non containment clusters only.
- All covid protocols are to be followed by the schools with reference to wearing of mask at all times hand hygiene and social distance by students, faculty and staff.
- At the entry of the school all the students, staff and faculty shall be examined for any symptoms and suspected persons be asked to return home and get them tested.
- Parents dropping the children shall be examined for covid like symptoms. If any such symptoms, they may be advised to give their sample for covid19 test at the nearest health facility.
- Hand sanitizers to be placed for frequent sanitization and students should be asked to practice and do hand washing (six steps) before and after meals and toilet use.
- Students and staff should be permitted to enter only with proper wearing of masks, maintenance of physical distance and hand sanitization.
- Seating arrangements should be made in such a way that proper 6 feet physical distance is ensured.
- Sufficient ventilation must be there in classes with free airflow in the classrooms
- All class rooms should be thoroughly disinfected periodically and all frequently touching objects shall be sanitized properly.
- Attendance of students to classes is to be voluntary and with written consent by the parents.
- Children with old and comorbid parents/grandparents at home shall be advised to stay home and not attend school.
- Children with comorbidities shall also not permitted to attend school.

Headmasters should personally monitor this aspect and under no circumstances this point should be overlooked. Sick children should also be not permitted to attend schools.

- Classes to the students of a section of a particular class/standard shall be conducted on alternate days. Each section shall be divided into batches with not more than 16 students in each batch. Classes may be conducted only be for half a day.
- Two sessions can be conducted in a day one in morning and another in afternoon. Between two sessions there shall be a gap of 30 minutes to ensure that there is no interaction between students of the two sessions.
- Assembly , group work, games shall not permitted until further orders.
- Mid day meals shall be served in a staggered manner with different timings to each section of students. While sitting for mid day meals, they shall be made to sit one after the other with adequate physical distance. No two students shall sit face to face
- At the closing of school, students should leave the school in staggered manner with 10 minute interval to each section and they should not be permitted to congregate outside the school.
- Random testing of students faculty and staff shall be done and **at least two students from each school and one staff from each school sample to be tested every alternate day.**
- Sensitizing of parents covid appropriate behavior and on protecting our elderly shall be done. One period every day shall be dedicated to this activity to educate children. Students shall also be used as covid ambassadors to spread awareness to their parents on covid appropriate behavior.
- On reaching homes children shall be encouraged to take bath and then only enter the home. Handwashing shall be mandatorily done by children before entering homes.
- Sharing of items like pens/pencils, erasers, books, water bottles,

glasses , plates is strictly prohibited.

- All the toilets should be cleaned with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution for every two hours. Ensure adequate running water supply to the toilets in the schools.
- The students with co morbid parents and grandparents shall not be allowed to attend the classes.
- Transport for school children shall be staggered class wise to ensure that school buses and school vans shall be filled only to half capacity. Use of autos and rickshaws for transport should be avoided and parents may be encouraged to bring children themselves where school buses and vans are not available
- A school level task force must be constituted with headmaster, two teachers to inculcate covid appropriate behavior among the students. All school level taskforce details have to be shared with Mandal level taskforce.
- While conducting the academic activities, there is every possibility of spread of disease with non symptomatic young children among students and they may also infect the old and vulnerable family members at home. In view of the above the SOPs as detailed above may be followed without any deviations.

**BHASKAR KATAMNENI I A S,**

COMM(BK), O/o Commisioner - CHFV