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The Principal All Kendriya Vidyalayas Chennai Region.

SOP / Guidelines for re-opening of KVs after Covid-19

lockdown - reg

Madam / Sir,

Please refer to this office e-mail dated 07.10.2020 forwarding a copy of letter dated 07.10.2020 of KVS Hgrs New Delhi on the subject cited above vide which KVS Hgrs New Delhi has advised Regional Offices to prepare an SOP for reopening of schools taking into cognizance of directions of State Government regarding the measures to be followed for reopening of schools in Further, SOP issued by MHA was also forwarded to you along with letter of KVS Hqrs cited above for taking appropriate action to keep school ready for re-opening after lockdown.

In this connection, it is to inform that State Government of Tamil Nadu vide GO Ms No.30 dated 13.01.2021 has permitted schools to function from 19.01.2021 for 10th and 12th standards with a maximum strength of 25 students in a classroom by strictly adhering to the Standard Operating Procedure. A copy of GO Ms No. 30 dated 13.01.2021 is enclosed herewith for ready reference. Further, the State Government of Tamil Nadu vide GO Ms No.31 dated 13.01.2021 has issued Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for health, hygiene and safety protocols for re-opening of schools for 10th and 12th standard a copy of which is also enclosed herewith for information and strict compliance.

In view of the above, a Video Conference was conducted on 16.01.2021 by the undersigned with the Principals of all KVs to discuss the modalities to be adopted for re-opening of KVs for Classes X & XII in the light of the permission granted by Statement Government for the same.

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The matter of re-opening of KVs for Classes X & XII was discussed at length during the Video Conference and it was decided to open KVs functioning in Tamil Nadu for the students of Classes X & XII by following the precautions given below to prevent spread of Covid-19:

- 1) Attendance must not be enforced and consent of the parent is mandatory for a student to attend the school
- 2) Students willing to continue online classes should be allowed to do so and make appropriate arrangements to continue online teaching / learning
- 3) School premises along with furniture, doors, windows etc should be cleaned and disinfected properly with 1% Sodium Hypochlorite solution by following SOP already issued in this regard
- 4) Sufficient Hand sanitizers should be made available in all classrooms
- 5) Availability of Thermal scanners, disinfectants, etc should be ensured
- 6) Thermal screening of students and staff should be carried out
- 7) Social distancing norms prescribed should be followed at all times by students and teachers in school premises and staggering of entry and exit timings be planned for different classes
- 8) All should wear face mask in Vidyalaya premises
- 9) Posters / messages and other publicity material should be displayed at appropriate places in the Vidyalaya to remind students about safety measures to be taken
- 10) Doors and windows should be kept open. Usage of Air Conditioners is to be avoided.
- 11) Health Check up of all the students is to be undertaken and students having co-morbidity conditions may be advised not to attend school and attend classes through alternate mode
- 12) Availability of safe drinking water shall be ensured. However, brining of water bottles by students is to be encouraged.
- 13) A teacher may be designated to counsel the students about DOs and DONTs in Vidyalaya premises to ensure SOP
- 14) Proper crowd management should be ensured in the class room and students should be discouraged for sharing of food, books, masks, etc.
- 15) Prescribed SOP should be followed in case any student / teacher / employee develop symptoms of Covid-19

It is pertinent to mention here that the basic precautions to be adopted to prevent spread of Covid-19 are given above and SOP issued by MHA, Govt of India as well as State Government of Tamil Nadu in detail is to be followed meticulously to ensure safety and security of students, teachers and staff.

The KVs functioning in the UT of Pondicherry and Andaman & Nicobar have already re-opened for the students of Classes X and XII. However, these KVs are also requested to follow the SOP issued by MHA as well as Administration of UT scrupulously.

The re-opening of KVs for Classes X and XII should no way hamper the online teaching / learning process going on for other classes / students.

You are, therefore, requested to take suitable measures to conduct classes for the students of Classes X and XII by strictly adhering the norms of SOP issued by MHA Govt of India and State / UT concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(**pr M Rajeswari**)
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Encl: as above

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