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### **Sixth Phase of Emergency Covid-19 Measures in TIFR**

(August 3 — 31, 2021)

We are in receipt of an OM from the DAE, viz. No. 16/6/2020-SCS-COVID-19/Vol.III/8962 dt. 03.08.2021 (**Annexure-1**), with which is enclosed the MHA Orders No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dt.29.06.2021 and 28.07.2021, as well as the Government of Maharashtra order No. Corona 2021/C.R.366/Arogya-5 dt. 02.08.2021 and the BMC Order No, MGC/F/4967 dt. 02.08.2021.

In view of the above, and the significant abatement of the pandemic in Mumbai and its environs, the following measures may be followed during the period August 03 – 31, 2021.

1. **Timings:** All restrictions on offices, laboratories and facilities as regards timings stand withdrawn. Extended timings which will facilitate the implementation of staggered work hours to reduce congestion are permitted, if found necessary.
2. **Attendance:** ‘Work from Home’ provisions will stand withdrawn w.e.f. 05.08.2021 for all those staying within 5 km of the Institute. All such employees are expected to attend office on all working days, and those not registering attendance will have to avail their leave entitlements as per rules.

For those employees staying more than 5 km away, the relevant sections of the previous notification of June 8, 2021 ([click here](#) for a copy) will remain in force till such time as all employees are permitted to travel by train without restrictions. When that becomes possible, the attendance rules for such employees will become the same as for employees staying within 5 km of the Institute. The Institute is actively pursuing this issue with the State Government.

Employees may be given exemptions to the above

- (a) in case of covid infection;
- (b) in case of pregnant women;
- (c) in case of sealing of residence building or its declaration under a containment zone;
- (d) in any case permitted by the competent authority.

For cases (a) and (b) a certification from the Medical Officer, TIFR will be necessary.

All JRFs, SRFs, visiting students, project students, etc. who do not need accommodation overnight, are permitted to come in to the campus. Students who left the campus during the lockdown should now plan their return by the end of August 2021.

3. **Staggered Timings:** To reduce congestion inside office, laboratory and workshop spaces, employees may be permitted to follow shifts or staggered timings, to be decided by the Section Heads and/or PIs. (See also Para 1 above).
4. **Facilities:** Common facilities, including canteens, workshops, SIRC, gym, etc. may ramp up over the next few days to resume full scale operations which can accommodate the increased footfalls in the Institute premises, subject to Para 8 below.
5. **Teaching, Discussions:** Classroom teaching, examinations, large meetings, seminars/colloquia shall continue to be held in online mode till August 31, 2021. However, classes/examinations having not more than 10 students can be held in person, in larger rooms. Laboratory classes may be resumed. Discussion meetings with not more than 10 people may be held in person, if required, but larger meetings will have to be held online. In all such activities, covid-prevention protocols must be followed strictly. All in-person activities must always be held in a room of the appropriate size which permits minimum distancing (see Para 8 below).

If cases of infection recur in the Institute, the permission to hold in-person activities may be withdrawn at short notice. The pandemic situation will be reviewed in September 2021, and the future course of action will be decided accordingly.

6. **Visitors:** Visitors who come to the campus during the day and do not require to stay overnight, are permitted. Accommodation for visitors will remain suspended till September 30, 2021. Accordingly, the Guest House will not accept bookings till further notice.

The pandemic situation will be reviewed in September 2021, and the future course of action will be decided accordingly.

7. **Quarantine:** Quarantine shall be waived for all asymptomatic passengers coming/returning to the campus after Domestic travel, provided the individual has been fully vaccinated and has completed 15 days after the second dose. In all such cases, TIFR Medical Officer's permission should be taken *in advance*, and a copy of the Vaccination (D2) Certificate should be submitted.

Home quarantine for 14 days will remain mandatory, unless the stay on campus is less than 7 days, for the following:

- (a) International passengers (from all countries).
- (b) Individuals who have not been vaccinated.
- (c) Individuals who have been partially vaccinated (i.e., taken D1 but not D2)
- (d) Individuals who have taken D2 but not completed 15 days after D2.

For students requiring home quarantine as per the above, the Guest House will continue to provide the necessary facilities. Quarantining in hostel rooms will continue to be forbidden.

In all cases of home quarantine, if the individual undergoes an RT-PCR test on or after the 6<sup>th</sup> day and the result is negative, the remaining period of the quarantine may be waived, provided he/she has not been in close/prolonged contact with a covid-positive person during the quarantine period.

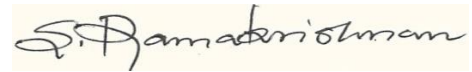
If cases of ‘breakthrough’ infection are found to be occurring in fully vaccinated persons coming/returning after travel, or, if the Government policy demands it, the home quarantine rule may be restored at short notice.

8. **Covid-safety:** Inside the Institute premises, the standard precautions against covid-19 infection, e.g. wearing face masks fully covering nose and mouth, frequent hand sanitization, maintaining social distancing (*do gaz ke doori*), etc. shall remain in force.

In case of covid-19 infection, the [SOP circulated in September 2020](#) shall remain in force.

9. **Vaccination:** All employees who have not done so yet, are advised to get themselves and their families fully vaccinated as soon as possible.

This supersedes all previous orders on the subject. All Institute members and families are requested to stay safe, follow these measures, and ensure that we can see this difficult time through without further loss.



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**All Faculty, Staff, Post-docs and Students in Colaba**