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Fifth Phase of Emergency Covid-19 Measures in TIFR

(June 8 - 30, 2021)

We are in receipt of a new order from the DAE, viz. No. 16/6/2020-SCS-COVID-19/Vol.III/6544 dt. 07.06.2021 (**Annexure-1**), with which is enclosed the Government of Maharashtra 'Level of Restrictions for Breaking the Chain' order No. DMU/2020/CR.92/DisM-1, dt. 04.06.2021.

In view of the above, and abatement of the severity of the pandemic in the city of Mumbai and its environs, which fall under Level 3 of the new restrictions, the following measures and precautions may be followed during the period June 8-30, 2021 or till further notice.

1. All laboratories, offices and essential facilities in the Institute are permitted to resume their normal work while maintaining proper precautions (see Para 9 below). However, operations on any day should not continue beyond 4 pm, except in unavoidable situations.
2. Day scholars, visiting students, non-accommodation Visiting Fellows, JRFs, SRFs and any others who will not require to stay in the campus overnight, may come in to work, preferably on a roster basis to avoid crowding, but must leave by 4 pm.
3. Activities which can be carried out in online mode should continue in that mode. Physical classroom teaching, seminars, colloquia and in-person meetings of more than 4 individuals shall continue to remain suspended.
4. PIs and Section Heads should prepare a roster (as was done earlier) and call Institute members on specific days as per that roster. Typically, staff may come in 2-3 times a week, but primarily as per requirement. The PIs and Sections Heads should ensure maximum flexibility with respect to rostering and staggered timings, and in particular, take care to safeguard persons with known co-morbidities. Commuters from the Mandala colonies or the city and its suburbs should be released at a time which will permit them to reach their homes by 5 pm.

Notwithstanding this, the PIs and Sections Heads should try to ensure that the regular work of the section/laboratory/facility is not seriously affected.

Absence under such terms will not be counted as leave. However, if the PI/Section Head deems it necessary to come, the Institute member is required to comply, failing which it will be treated as leave as per eligibility.

5. The Visitors' Programme will remain suspended till June 30, 2021.
6. The East and West Canteen operations will resume as usual. A limited menu may be served as per availability of staff.
7. Non-essential facilities, e.g. gym, badminton court, etc. shall remain closed. However, the A-Block SIRC Reading Room may reopen as usual.
8. Recreational activities of an outdoor nature which do not involve close physical contact may be resumed.
9. In spite of the abatement of its severity, the pandemic is still very much there. Therefore it is essential that the following general precautions be strictly maintained.
 - a) Individuals who come to the Institute for work should not stay on beyond the scheduled work hours. During this period, in-person social interactions. e.g. chatting together, taking tea/meals together, etc. should be avoided to the maximum extent.
 - b) All are urged to strictly follow the standard precautions against infection, viz., wearing of face masks in the presence of others (on all occasions, but *especially* within confined spaces such as offices and laboratories), frequent hand sanitisation and maintenance of social distancing ('*do gaz ki doori*'). All are reminded that, in order to be effective, **face masks must be worn covering the nose and mouth completely**. Spitting on campus is strictly forbidden at all times and may attract penalties.
 - c) Colony residents are requested, for some time, NOT to go out of the TIFR colonies unless it is really necessary. Social engagements, especially those involving individuals from other parts of the city, and vacations, should be postponed to the maximum extent possible.
10. The Institute will be conducting a Vaccination Camp at the Colaba campus on June 14-15, 2021 and at the HBCSE on June 17-18, 2021. A separate notification for this is already in circulation. All eligible persons, who have not already been vaccinated, are advised to get themselves vaccinated in this camp by registering themselves latest by Thursday, June 10, 2021 before 5 pm.

All Institute members and families are requested to stay safe, follow these measures, and ensure that we can pass through this difficult time without further loss.



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