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Seventh Phase of Emergency Covid-19 Measures in TIFR

(October 4 — 31, 2021)

We are in receipt of an OM from the MHA, No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dt.28.09.2021 (**Annexure 1**), extending the validity of the existing covid-related restrictions till 31.10.2021.

In view of the above, and noting the continuing abatement of the pandemic in Mumbai and its environs, the following further relaxations in the existing covid-related restrictions are permitted during the period October 4 – 31, 2021, and/or till further notice.

1. **Guest House and Visitors:** The Guest House shall be partially opened to visitors after October 15, 2021. However, some rooms will remain reserved for quarantine and other purposes, and these will not be available, for the present, to visitors. The Datanet module for booking rooms will become active soon.

Stay in the Guest House will only be permitted to visitors who have been fully vaccinated and will have completed at least 15 days after taking their second dose (D2) at the time of arrival. A copy of the 'Fully Vaccinated' Certificate must be submitted to the Guest House reception counter before the room keys are handed over. The Guest House staff will be empowered to send back visitors who do not satisfy this criterion.

Visitors to the Institute who are not vaccinated, OR who have only taken the first dose (D1), OR who have not completed 15 days after the second dose (D2), may come to the Institute premises, but will not be permitted to stay overnight.

2. **Quarantine:** Quarantine shall remain waived for all asymptomatic residents coming/returning to the campus after Domestic travel, provided the individual has been fully vaccinated and has completed 15 days after the second dose (D2). 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 for all residents, 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 6th 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 *for all* at short notice.

3. **New students:** Students of the GS 2021 batch will be quarantined as per the rules in #2 above. However, they will be called in during the month of November in batches, aiming for a full presence on campus by early December 2021.

4. **In-person classes and meetings:** Classes, seminars, meetings and discussions may be held in person w.e.f. October 4, 2021, provided the following conditions are met:

- a. there shall NOT be more than 50% occupancy in the room
- b. covid-safety protocols are STRICTLY maintained in the room (see #6 below)

Use of a hybrid mode, where some participants are present in person and some are online, is recommended as and when required, provide the above conditions are satisfied. However, for maximum safety, holding of all gatherings should still be carried out online if possible.

If cases of covid infection are found to be proliferating in the Institute, or, if the Government policy demands it, the above relaxation may be withdrawn at short notice.

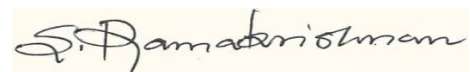
5. **Canteens and other facilities:** The East and West Canteens, and other facilities, such as the SIRC, the Recreation Centre, etc. will move towards normal operations in a phased manner, The Faculty Lunch and similar programmes may be resumed after October 15, subject to maintaining the covid-safety protocols in #6.

6. **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.

7. **Vaccination:** All employees who have not done so yet, are advised to get themselves and their families fully vaccinated as soon as possible. It will soon be made mandatory for all employees to register their vaccination status through Datanet or other means. Those who continue to remain unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, may eventually find their free movement in the Institute premises severely restricted.

This supersedes all previous orders on the subject.



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