



**Government of Odisha**  
**Office of Special Relief Commissioner**

No 817 /R&DM(DM)  
PT2-RDM-RLF-MISC-0034-2020

Date: 03.02.2022

**ORDER**

**Addendum to Order No.707/R&DM(DM) dated 31.01.2022**

Whereas, it is observed that the number of COVID-19 positive cases & Omicron cases are in decreasing trend in the State;

And whereas, though a majority of active cases are recovering fast, COVID appropriate behavior and protocols are required to be observed scrupulously in order to prevent the transmission of the infection;

And whereas, the Government of Odisha in Revenue & Disaster Management (Disaster Management) vide its Order 707/ R &DM(DM) dt.31.01.2022, No.107/R&DM(DM) dt.07.01.2022, No.64/R&DM(DM) dt.05.01.2022, have imposed restrictions/ stipulations on opening of educational institutions in the State;

Therefore, in view of the decreasing trend in Covid-19 positive cases and to mitigate the impact of learning loss of the students to the extent possible, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 24(l) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 read with Rule 8(1) of the Odisha Disaster Management Rules, 2010, in partial modification of all earlier orders, in the larger interest of the student community of the State, the State Government do hereby promulgate the following orders.

- a) All Educational Institutions, imparting any type of education of the level of Class - 8 and above including schools, colleges, ITIs, Polytechnics, Degree Colleges and Professional Colleges and Universities, should start physical classroom teaching with effect from 07.02.2022.
- b) Classes from Std.1 to Std. 7 may re-open with effect from 14.02.2022.
- c) Academic Activities
  - i. For the current academic year, students in schools may avail the option of online/ off-line/ hybrid teaching for their classes.
  - ii. For Higher Education Institutions the guidelines as was prevailing just before the closure of such institutions on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 will apply.

- d) Hostels and other residential facilities should also be opened up as soon as Off-line class begins.
- e) Short-term courses, trainings, workshops, Skill development training programmes etc., should also be allowed in physical mode w.e.f 07.02.2022.
- f) To complete the courses as decided by respective authorities / regulatory bodies concerned department(s) may notify revised academic year.
- g) Examinations
- i. Examinations for Classes up to Standard 9 and for promotion of students from Standard 11 to Standard 12 may be done through class assessment. Students may be allowed the option of taking the examination either through offline or online or hybrid mode depending upon the feasibility of the schools.
  - ii. Examinations for Standard 10 and Standard 12 will be conducted as per the orders and guidelines of respective Boards/ Councils/ Regulatory Authorities.
  - iii. Examinations in Higher Education Institutions, including Technical and Professional Institutions, may be conducted as per approved guidelines prevailing just before closure of these Institutions on 10.01.2022.
- h) All Covid appropriate protocol(s) may be followed by the educational institutions to the extent possible.

The concerned department(s) shall bring out detailed SOPs to be followed by the educational institutions. The Department(s) concerned may facilitate introduction of bridge courses wherever required to help the students overcome the learning gaps, if any. Further, all efforts should be made by the institutions to assist/ hand hold/ counsel the children and their parents to cope with the situation.

This decision will be applicable to Educational Institutions (Government, Government Aided, Privately Managed English & Odia Medium Schools) coming under the administrative control of School & Mass Education Department, Higher Education Deptt., and also to Educational Institutions coming under the administrative control of ST & SC Development Deptt., SSEPD Deptt. and Skill Development & TE Deptt., and Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment Department etc.

Any person found violating this order shall be punished under the provision of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and other relevant laws.

By orders of the Governor

CHIEF SECRETARY, ODISHA

**Memo No. 818 / R&DM(DM) Date: 03.02.2022**

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3/02/2022  
Special Relief Commissioner &  
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.  
(Disaster Management)

**Memo No. 819 /R&DM(DM) Date: 03.02.2022**

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3/02/2022  
Special Relief Commissioner &  
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(Disaster Management)

**Memo No. 820 / R&DM(DM) Date: 03.02.2022**

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3/02/2022  
Special Relief Commissioner &  
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