



# **BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**

CCOM/PSR/241/2021-22 Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Offices,  
N.R.Square, Bangalore-560002

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## **ADVISORY TO RESIDENT WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS/ APARTMENT COMPLEXES/HOUSING SOCIETIES**

Covid-19 has been notified as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation, and BBMP has been empowered to exercise Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Ordinance 2020 and Disaster Management Act 2005 to carry out the responsibilities of controlling the spread of the disease in BBMP jurisdiction.

World Health Organisation (WHO) vide statement dated 26/11/21 has designated SARS-Cov2 Variant B.1.1.529 (Omicron) as Variant of Concern (VoC). As of date, Omicron variant has been identified in multiple countries across the globe, including India.

Over the past 10 days, an increase in day on day case numbers is noticed and it is imperative that we need to enhance Covid-19 surveillance in view of larger public health.

Further, to enforce strict surveillance and containment the following advisory is proposed to be followed in addition to existing Government Orders and Guidelines.

1. Ensure all residents, house helps and visitors are checked for temperature, mask at entry point and provision for hand sanitisation/hand wash shall be provided.

2. Common areas such as floor, railings, surfaces, etc. likely to be touched by multiple people, to be cleaned using Sodium Hypochlorite, bleaching power, or any effective disinfectant for maintaining the highest level of sanitation and hygiene.
3. Common areas like walkways and parks used for walking or jogging can be used subject to the strict maintenance of Covid Appropriate Behaviours (mask, social distancing). These places should not get converted into socializing / meeting point.
4. Common groups (MyGate, WhatsApp, Telegram etc.,) of RWAs may be used to encourage Vaccination coverage and spreading awareness., using the official communication materials shared by BBMP. However, shall abstain from sharing random forwards related to Covid with out verifying the source of infection.
5. Use of gymnasiums, sports facilities, swimming pools shall be avoided. Operations and allowed numbers shall be strictly as per the prevailing GoI and GoK guidelines.
6. Wearing of masks by kids at all times while in the open spaces and play areas shall be ensured by parents and the association members.
7. Parents are advised to counsel their children on the situation of COVID 19 and the importance of preventive measures so that children understand the reason behind the limits imposed on their activities.
8. Events/Gatherings at club house or community hall shall preferably be avoided, if unavoidable shall not exceed 50 members.
9. The housing societies should follow segregated waste disposal with one fixed place identified and used for dumping waste in separate bins.
10. Sanitization of the Lift Operating buttons by regular cleaning. Provisions shall be made for sanitising at the entry / exit points of the lift.
11. Community shall cooperate with the public health authorities for regular testing, vaccination, survey, containment and other Covid related activities.



12. If in case a positive case is reported in the community, RWA and residents shall cooperate with surveillance activities.
13. Containment strategy for RWAs - If more than 3 cases are reported within the apartment complex, or 100 Mts perimeter or the floor above and below or the complete block or in case of smaller apartments complete apartment complex shall be declared as a "Containment Zone" for a minimum of 07 days. Following are the considerations for CZ within the RWA. Members and residents shall cooperate accordingly.
  1. If one case in each floor, individual houses in those floors.
  2. If 3 cases in one floor, then the complete floor.
  3. If 10 cases in a tower, either single floor or multiple floors, complete tower.
  4. If 50 cases in an apartment complex of 50-100 house holds/>100 cases in an apartment complex of >100 house holds complete apartment complex.
14. If a Containment is declared, all residents within the area shall be tested. Detailed contact tracing and surveillance activities shall be conducted. All house holds shall be surveyed for health of vulnerable population.
15. Testing of all population within the containment zone is advisable, mandatory if symptomatic.
16. Testing of all Primary Contacts and Secondary Contacts is advisable, and mandatory if symptomatic. All contacts shall remain under quarantine till the test results are declared. All contacts within the CZ shall remain quarantined for the period of CZ notification.
17. It shall be the duty of the Resident Welfare Association (RWA) / Society to ensure that all those people who have been advised home quarantine stay indoors in their homes and do not move around in the society, community spaces or in the city casually.

18. Health officials will stick the Home Quarantine posters for those who are recommended to do so. Any breach of quarantine of the suspect can cause an uncontrolled spread of the infection in the entire community.
19. The RWA should ensure that any residents with symptoms suggestive Covid or suspected to have come in contact with a positive case shall be reported to the zonal health authorities of BBMP and co-operate with them to take the required actions such as testing, tracking, quarantine and isolation.
20. The RWA should see that no COVID positive resident is stigmatized by others in the society and there is no abuse/harassment of the affected resident. Neighbours can keep in touch with the affected resident/family through mediums like phone, WhatsApp, video call, etc.
21. If any resident or his/her family members have undertaken international/interstate travel, ideal to ensure they are tested and carrying a RTPCR Negative report, especially ones coming from countries notified as 'high-risk', also Kerala, Maharastra and Goa states. (Subject to change as per prevailing guidelines) if not they shall be advised to undergo RTPCR testing and remain under home quarantine till the results or declared or as per the prevailing Govt. guidelines.
22. Parents are advised to counsel their children on the situation of COVID 19 and the importance of preventive measures so that children understand the reason behind the limits imposed on their activity
23. Health of all elderly (above 60 years) and high risk population, such as pregnant women, nursing mothers, patients with history of or on treatment for cancer, diabetes, hypertension, immuno-compromising conditions shall be regularly monitored and if any symptoms suggestive of Covid are noticed, shall immediately inform BBMP health officials for testing and further assistance.
24. Residents having pets, can take pets for walk, and ensure covid appropriate behaviour while in common spaces or open areas.



25. Vendor services, couriers and delivery services, ideal if limited till the main gate to ensure reduced usage of common spaces. It is advised to check and ensure fully vaccinated status of all visitors.
26. Services associated to emergency/necessary such as medical, plumbing, electrical, cooking gas, water supply, etc., shall be obtained with strict adherence to Covid Appropriate Behaviour. It is advised to check and ensure fully vaccinated status of all visitors.
27. Ensure all residents are fully vaccinated.
28. Ensure all maids, security and other staff are fully vaccinated.
29. BBMP Marshalls and regional health authorities are entrusted upon the responsibility of enforcing Covid Appropriate Behaviour across the city, they may visit apartment complexes or housing societies without prior notice, RWAs and residents shall cooperate accordingly.
30. RWAs may form internal committees or task force for effective communication, surveillance and containment of Covid 19.
31. RWAs may have quarantine/isolation facilities with necessary medical support as per the Government guidelines.
32. RWAs, Apartment Complexes, Housing Societies shall appoint one single point of contact, who would be in touch BBMP health authorities.

  
Chief Commissioner

**Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike**

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1. Honourable Administrator, BBMP for kind information
2. The Special Commissioner, Health, BBMP for kind information and necessary action
3. All Zonal Commissioners, BBMP for kind information and action
4. The Chief Health Officer, Public Health, BBMP for kind information and action
5. President/Secretary of Resident Welfare Associations, Housing Societies, Apartment Complexes in BBMP jurisdiction for kind information and necessary action.