

# THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

NO. RHC/CIRCULAR/2020

Karachi the 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

## C I R C U L A R

In wake of second wave of COVID-19 and rapid increase in number of asymptomatic patients in the Country, the Honourable Administration Committee of this Court has decided in its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 that the High Court of Sindh, Principal Seat at Karachi, its Bench at Sukkur and Circuit Courts at Hyderabad and Larkana as well as District Judiciary and all other Ex-Cadre Courts/Tribunals working under the Administrative Control of High Court of Sindh shall forthwith implement the following protocol/instructions/precautionary measure:-

1. All the Courts Officials and the officials of law enforcement agencies posted at the main gate entrance of the Courts shall wear face masks, use hand sanitizer and avoid handshake.
2. Every person entering the Court premises/precincts including the security officials and staff member of the Courts shall be scanned properly with temperature scanners/thermal guns at the time of their entrance. In case temperature of any one found not normal or found to have symptoms of Corona, he shall not be permitted to enter in the Court's premises.
3. In every Courtroom/Branch/Office hand sanitizers shall be made available and the ventilators, windows and gates shall remain open for proper cross ventilation.
4. Necessary arrangement for fumigation/disinfection of floors and work surfaces with disinfectant material shall be made in all the Chambers, Court rooms, Offices and Branches on routine basis. The other offices situated in the Court premises shall also ensure compliance of this direction in their respective offices.
5. The President/General Secretary, High Court Bar Associations and District Bar Associations in Sindh are advised to issue necessary direction amongst all the Advocates to use face mask while approaching the Courts and only those lawyers who have to attend/argue to a particular case shall be allowed to enter in Courtrooms and the parties whose presence is necessary or required to appear before the Affidavit and Identification section of the Court for the purpose of swearing affidavits will only be allowed to enter in the Court premises and Court room with face mask.

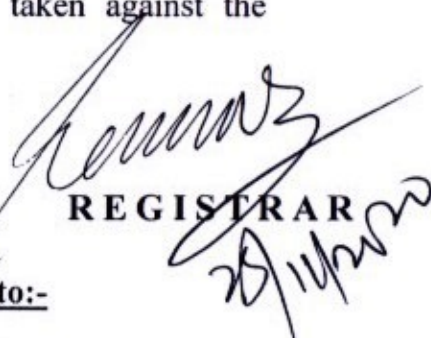


6. All lawyers/parties/officials, whose cases have not been fixed for the day should avoid coming to the Court premises in order to avoid overcrowding and for safety and security of the general public, staff and Judges of the Courts.

7. All the officers and staff members of the Courts and employees of other Departments situated in Court premises shall mandatory wear mask, wash hands upon arrival & prior joining their work place and they shall not shake hands or make physical contact or embrace each other for greetings or participate in gatherings including sitting in groups during office hours.

8. Any Employee whose immediate family member living jointly has been infected by Coronavirus shall immediately inform the concerned authority for further necessary action.

9. All the **Court Associates/Incharge of Branches/Officers** are directed to ensure that all the precautionary measures set out shall be scrupulously followed in their respective Courts/Branches/Offices in letter and spirit failing which disciplinary action shall be taken against the delinquent.

  
REGISTRAR

**Copy forwarded for information and necessary compliance to:-**

1. The Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Justice.
2. All the Court Associates to the Hon'ble Judges for placing before their Lordships.
3. All the Officers/Incharge of the Branches of this Court.
4. All the Additional Registrars, High Court of Sindh, Bench at Sukkur, Circuit Courts at Hyderabad and Larkana.
5. The Advocate General, Sindh, Karachi.
6. The Prosecutor General Sindh, Karachi.
7. The Additional Attorney General Sindh, Karachi.
8. The Secretary, Sindh Bar Council, Karachi.
9. The President/General Secretary, High Court Bar Association Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur, and Larkana.
10. All the District & Sessions Judges in Sindh
11. All the President/General Secretaries of District Bar Association in Sindh
12. All the Presiding Officers posted on Ex-Cadre Courts/Special Courts/Tribunals.
13. Director I.T of this Court.
14. The Secretary Services of this Court.
15. The Director General (Finance & Accounts) of this Court.
16. Media Cell of this Court.