

High Court of Judicature at Allahabad

Arrangement for functioning of High Court during COVID-19

In partial modification of direction/guidelines issued on 13.03.2020, 16.03.2020 and 10.04.2020, it is further submitted:

1. That the High Court will function in two shifts w.e.f. 08.05.2020 –
 - (i) Shift-1: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
 - (ii) Shift-2: 01:30 pm to 03:30 pm
2. That the Hon'ble Judges and their supporting staff (Private Secretary, Bench Secretary, Peon etc.) in minimum required number will attend the High Court.
3. That only those sections with minimum staff will be opened which are essential for functioning of the Courts.
4. That files will be sent from the sections to the Courts after proper sanitization.
5. That the Ld. Advocates will file their Cases / Documents / Petitions / Applications in the Stamp Reporter Section and Fresh Filing Section which will function at Gate No. 4 (Civil Cases) and Gate No. 5 (Criminal Cases).
6. That the arrangement of Video Conferencing will be done at Gate No. 3-A.
7. That the Ld. Advocates will enter in the High Court through the Gate No. 1.
8. That only those Ld. Advocates will be granted entry in the High Court through ePass whose case(s) are to be taken by the Court(s).
9. That the Ld. Advocates aged 65 years or more will not be permitted to enter in the High Court as under the revised guidelines they are required to stay at home.
10. That the Ld. Advocates will be required to wear decent dress (trouser and shirt) without Coat and Robe.
11. That the Chambers of the Ld. Advocates in the High Court Premises will not be opened and the arrangement of their sitting will be made in the premises of 30 Court Rooms Building.
12. That the Ld. Advocates should restrict themselves from moving around Hon'ble Judge's corridor and chambers.
13. That the Ld. Advocates appearing in the Court will be required to wear face cover / mask and gloves.
14. That not more than 6 (six) Advocates will be permitted to remain in the Court Room at any given time.
15. That the Ld. Advocates will be required to immediately leave the High Court after hearing of their case(s).
16. That the Ld. Advocates residing in Hot Spot areas shall not come to the High Court, as per guidelines issued by the Central Government and the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
17. That the wearing of face cover / mask will be necessary for all persons entering the High Court.

18. That physical distancing measures as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will be required to be followed in the High Court as well as while commuting to the High Court and returning back.
- 19. That spitting in the premises of the High Court will be prohibited and will attract punishment.**
- 20. That consumption of liquor, 'paan', 'gutka', tobacco inside the premises of the High Court will be prohibited and will attract punishment.**
21. That provision for thermal scanning, handwash and sanitizer will be made at operational entry and exit points and common area.
22. That frequent sanitization of the premises of the High Court, common facilities and all points which come into human contact viz. door-knobs, chairs, tables etc. will be ensured.
23. That gathering of persons at one place will be avoided.
24. That no shops near the High Court will be permitted to open.
25. That the arrangement of tea and snacks for the staff attending the High Court will be made by the High Court Administration.
26. That parking of vehicles to be made as per existing arrangement i.e. outside the premises of the High Court but with proper social distancing measures.
27. That all the guidelines issued by the Central Government and the Government of Uttar Pradesh regarding COVID-19 must be followed.