

**GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Order No. महा (विविध) 01/2020 - 223(11)

Dated: 22-03-2020

**ORDER**

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section-6 of the Bihar Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19, Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and in conformity with Rule -17 of guidelines issued by the Press Council of India, in addition to the directions via Notification No. 215 (11) dated -18.03.2020, 221(11) & 222(11) dated -21.03.2020 the following directions are hereby issued for the purpose of prevention and control of the outbreak of epidemic disease namely COVID-19 in the state of Bihar, with immediate effect : -

- I. The security and safety of the affected person, his/her relatives, treating doctor, assisting medical staff is of paramount importance in the emerging situation. Hence, confidentiality of the information relating to affected persons, his/her relatives, treating doctors, assisting medical staff and the residential address of the person and relatives are to be kept confidential.

Therefore, no media shall publish the name and address of the person infected / affected with COVID-19, his/her parents, relatives, the doctor treating the patient and the assisting medical staff, obtained through any source, in any Print / Electronics / Web / Social Media.

- II. That no media shall interview any patient affected with COVID-19, his/her parents / relatives / treating doctors, assisting medical staff, in any form.

Any person contravening any regulation or order made under the above provisions shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under Section-188 of IPC as per Section-19 of the Bihar Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulation 2020 and Section-3 of the Epidemic Diseases Act- 1897.

Sd./-

(Sanjay Kumar)

Principal Secretary

Health Department

Memo No. 223(11)

Date 22-03-2020

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2. Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Govt of Bihar
3. Director General of Police, Govt of Bihar
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5. Principal Secretary Hon'ble C.M., Govt. of Bihar
6. Secretary, Information and Public Relation Department, Govt of Bihar
7. Secretary, Health Department / Executive Director, SHS, Bihar
8. PS to Hon'ble Minister Health, Govt of Bihar
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22/3/2020

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