

**Government of Punjab  
Department of Home Affairs & Justice**

To

1. Principal Secretary Health & Family Welfare
2. Principal Secretary Medical Education & Research
3. All the Divisional Commissioners and the Deputy Commissioners in the State
4. All the Zonal IGPs, Commissioners of Police, DIGs and SSPs in the State

No.SS/ACSH/2020/288

Dated: Chandigarh, the 06.04.2020.

**Sub: OPDs in Government and Private Hospitals including AYUSH Hospitals.**

There are reports that OPDs are not being allowed in Hospitals. Government of India guidelines as well as curfew management guidelines issued by the Home Department, Punjab, vide letter dated 25.03.2020, exempted health establishments, both private and government, from any restrictions.

Subsequently, through instructions issued vide letter No.SS/ACSH/2020/Spl.2 dated 29.03.2020, it was desired that the following establishments must be kept open:-

*"3(i) Medicines, chemists, doctors, hospitals including OPDs, drug de-addiction & rehabilitation centres, nursing homes, AYUSH practitioners, diagnostic laboratories etc."*

Further, vide letter No.SS/ACSH/2020/272 dated 31.03.2020, it was desired that doctors including the doctors of private hospitals/nursing homes, diagnostic laboratories etc. be allowed movement without any curfew pass on the basis of their photo identity cards issued by Medical Council of India (MCI)/Indian Medical Association (IMA) etc..

The OPDs are essential not only for patients suffering from various ailments but they would also help us in capturing suspected cases of Corona Virus. **Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioners are requested to hold meetings with Civil Surgeons, IMA and others and ensure that OPDs in all the hospitals in both the cities and rural areas including AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries are functional.**

*Darshan Chandra*

**Additional Chief Secretary(Home)**

06.04.2020

CC:

1. CPS/CM
2. CS
3. DGP Punjab
4. Secy. Employment Generation & Trg. & Nodal officer, State COVID-19 Control room
5. Secretary Home