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**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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**NOTIFICATION**

**COLLEGE REOPENING**

**Dated Shillong the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**No.EDN.40/2020/71:** As evidence from the recent findings of the fourth National Serosurvey, conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research, have reported that 67.6% of the Indian population has antibodies against the virus and that children had a similar rate of infection (thus protected by now) as adults. This has been corroborated by many other state-specific and local surveys.

In this regard, the State Government has recommended to allow students to visit Colleges as indicated below w.e.f. from the **1<sup>st</sup> September, 2021.**

- I. **Urban:** Open
- II. **Rural:** Open

**The following protocols are to be observed:**

Consent of parents is paramount. Parents will have final say on physical presence of their wards, attendance norms shall be relaxed.

1. *Teaching hours will be limited to three to four hours per day and no cultural gathering or sports events will be permitted.*
2. *Colleges will have to provide isolation facilities and tie-up with local health departments for any emergency situation.*
3. *The Deputy Commissioners have been empowered to assess the risk locally and decide on reopening of Colleges. In this regard, a Task Force Committee headed by the Deputy Commissioner to monitor the resumption and safe operations of Colleges shall be constituted by the respective Deputy Commissioners and Principals of prominent college shall be nominated as Member Secretary along with the District Medical Health Officers and other College Principals and Community Leaders as members. The Task Force Committee is empowered to assess the COVID-19 situation and the feasibility of College reopening.*
4. *For the safety of the staff and students, vaccination is encouraged for teachers/staff.*
5. *Non-vaccinated teachers/staff shall have to undergo mandatory RTPCR test every 10 days and submit the test certificate to the College head.*
6. *Only 50% students shall be permitted to be present in a class at a given time and to ensure this, Colleges will call students on shifts or alternate day. A safe distance will be maintained between two benches and students in accordance with extant regulations.*
7. *In the event of sickness of the student or a family member, the student is advised to stay at home.*
8. *It will be the responsibility of the College to ensure such a student's learning gap is compensated by the College.*
9. *Use of face covers/masks to be made mandatory.*
10. *Frequent hand washing with soap and use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers.*