

# **THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI**

No. GAZ/XII.Z.14(iii)

Karachi, dated the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## **CIRCULAR**

In continuation of Circular dated 20-03-2021, in wake of 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to reduce the possibility of its further spread the following steps/measures are being taken forthwith till 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021:-

### **HIGH COURT OF SINDH**

Only following cases be fixed by the concerned Roster Branches in the High Court of Sindh Principal Seat at Karachi, Bench at Sukkur and Circuit Courts Hyderabad and Larkana:

- i. Pre-Arrest and post-arrest bails.
- ii. Habeas Corpus petitions or detention matters.
- iii. Urgent petitions seeking injunctions/stay order involving imminent threat of irreparable loss
- iv. Criminal Appeals against conviction in which convicted person is still confined in jail and is not released on bail pending appeal.
- v. Any urgent matter only after approval of the Court.

Instructions may also be displayed in the daily cause list that only the concerned advocates should attend the court at the relevant time when the case is taken up and the parties or any other person whose attendance is not necessary should not attend the court.

### **DISTRICT AND SESSIONS COURTS**

District & Sessions Courts to only fix the cases of urgent nature giving preference to pre/post arrest bail, habeas corpus petitions, applications u/s 22-A/B Cr.P.C. Appeals against conviction in which convict is still in jail and not released on bail, Misc. applications, Revision Petitions, Cases at final arguments, SMAs matters involving passing of immediate orders or family/guardian matters requiring hearing and passing of order on interim maintenance/ meeting of minors (which meeting may also be arranged at appropriate place where COVID-19 SOPs could be followed), otherwise only those regular cases may be fixed which are ripe up for final disposal or wherein evidence of last witness is to be recorded so as to conclude the case.

### **SPECIAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS**

Special Courts/ Tribunals should also ensure strict observance of COVID-19 SOPs and fix such number of cases so as to avoid overcrowding in the court premises.

  
(Abdul Razzaq)  
Registrar

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# **THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI**

NO. RHC/CIRCULAR/2021

Karachi the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

## **C I R C U L A R**

In wake of fresh wave of COVID-19 and rapid increase in number of asymptomatic patients in the Country and in continuation to the Circular dated 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 issued in pursuant to the decision of Hon'ble Administration Committee of this Court taken 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 protocol/instructions/precautionary measures as expressed/enunciated inter alia in above noted circular are issued herewith for the convenience and implementation in letter and spirit:-

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 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 entering the Court rooms and only those lawyers who have to attend/argue to a particular case will be

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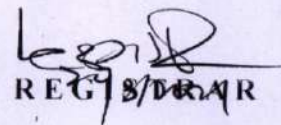
allowed to enter in Courtrooms and the parties whose presence is necessary or required to appear before the Affidavit and Identification section of the Court for the purpose of swearing affidavits will only be allowed to enter in the Court premises and Court room with face mask.

6. All lawyers/parties/officials, whose cases have not been fixed for the day should better avoid coming to the Court premises in order to keep from 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.

  
REGISTRAR

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