



No. 142/DG/EPA/2024
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONAL AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, FERROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 21.11.2024



Subject: **RESUMPTION OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND OPERATION OF SHOPS, MARKETS AND SHOPPING PLAZAS**

In pursuance to this office order No. 115/DG/EPA/2024 dated 08.11.2024, No. 128/DG/EPA/2024 dated 15.11.2024 and No.133/DG/EPA/2021 dated 16.11.2024, regarding restrictions imposed due to smog. In light of the recent improvement in Air Quality Index, the competent authority has been pleased to decide that henceforth:

- i. All outdoor activities including parks (public & private), zoos, playgrounds, historical places, monuments, museums, joy/play lands outdoor sports events, exhibitions and festivals shall be resumed from **22-11-2024 (Friday) in the whole province till 8:00pm.**
- ii. However, the general public is advised to:
 - a. Wear a face mask in open areas
 - b. Adults with more than 65 years of age shall avoid strenuous exercise
 - c. People with heart and lung diseases must consult their doctor before visiting outdoors
 - d. Children with age less than 5 years shall avoid extended hours in playgrounds

2. It is further clarified that **shops, markets and shopping malls in the districts of Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad and Gujranwala shall be closed after 8:00 pm, throughout the whole week (including Saturday and Sunday).** However, following sectors are **exempted** from the said restriction:

- i. Pharmacies/ Medical Stores, Medical Facilities, Medical Laboratories, Vaccination Centers, Petrol Pumps, Oil Depots, Tandoors, Bakeries, Grocery / Karyana stores, Milk / Dairy Shops, Sweet Shops, Vegetable / Fruit Shops, Chicken / Meat Shops, E-

commerce / Postal / Courier Services and Utility Services (Electricity, Natural Gas, Internet, Cellular Networks / Telecom).

ii. Large departmental stores may only keep their grocery / pharmacy sections open while all others sections will remain closed.

iii. Any other exemption, if deemed necessary, may be given by the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district.

Any contravention to this order shall be punished U/S 188 PPC.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 21st day of November, 2024.

Note: Any exemption to above mentioned restrictions, that may be deemed necessary, be granted by the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district.

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Dr. IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH (PAS)
DIRECTOR GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY,
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- IX. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
- X. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- XI. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- XII. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
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