



**No. 142/DG/EPA/2024**  
**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, FEROZEPUR 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/DGEPA/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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

Dr. IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH (PAS)  
**DIRECTOR GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY,  
PUNJAB**

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- 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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