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# States to fix zones in lockdown 4.0

**TWO-WEEK EXTENSION** Centre's guidelines say shops can open, interstate travel to resume with states' consent | **CAPITAL'S CASE** Delhi could exercise power to convert all red zones, except areas under containment, into green

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**NEW DELHI:** The government on Sunday lifted several lockdown curbs, including that on interstate travel and some local transport such as buses, and announced that state governments will grade to green based on the prevalence of coronavirus and disease Covid-19 cases, but will also extend the nationwide lockdown period in March until May 31.

In fresh guidelines, the home ministry also allowed the resumption of shop-based activities, gave permission to the functioning of all shops, markets and commercial establishments except those in red, and allowed courier/private offices that were previously allowed to function with 50% staff strength.

Students and sports teams for the first time since March 25—when the lockdown was first imposed—but spectators will not be permitted inside.

The two significant steps that stood out were the conditional approval of interstate movement of passenger vehicles and buses with "mutual consent" of the states and Union Territories (UTs) involved, and the order of power to state governments, through state governments that have been instrumental in extending major sporting area-specific curbs in their respective jurisdictions.

The Centre also allowed states and UTs to decide on the movement of passenger vehicles within their territories, and that the ban on cab aggregators such as Ola and Uber even in areas with relatively higher cases.

## NEW RULES FOR LOCKDOWN 4.0

The Centre has extended the Covid-19 curbs till May 31 while also giving several relaxations

### BIG CHANGES

**DIVISION OF ZONES**  
States/Union Territories can now define green, orange and red zones while taking into consideration parameters defined by the Union Health Ministry.

**MOVEMENT**  
Interstate movement of passenger vehicles and buses will be allowed after mutual consent by the states involved, subject to the decision of interstate movement.

**SHOPS AND MARKETS**  
All shops, except those in pink, can re-open, but certain conditions will apply.  

- Staggered work, business hours to be followed
- Just five people allowed a shop at a time
- Social-distancing measures, frequent sanitisation a must

**STADIUMS**  
Sports complexes and stadiums will be permitted to open, paving the way for complete fans' sports to resume, spectators won't be allowed though.

**AAROGYA SETU**  
Aarogya Setu, which was mandatory for private and public sector employees, is no longer a must, but people have been advised to use the contact-tracing app; employees should put in their "best effort" to ensure staff members' safety.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Liberal private offices were allowed to function with 50% of staff strength, the firm order does not mention any such restrictions.
- No bar on e-commerce players, who can receive delivery of all goods even in red zones
- Ban on cab aggregators lifted

### WHAT REMAINS UNCHANGED?

- Only special trains run by the govt are allowed
- Only essential services permitted in containment zones
- Night curfew between 7pm and 5am will be in place; essential services are exempt
- People above 65 years, children, and those with existing health conditions, advised to stay home
- Visits to be normal at all public places and offices
- Spitting in public is a punishable offence

### PROHIBITED ACROSS COUNTRY

- All passenger flights (international and domestic)
- Movie theatres
- Dine-in restaurants and eateries
- Cinema halls, malls, gyms, assembly halls
- All religious, political gatherings
- Educational institutes

States and Union Territories can impose further restrictions. Hence, what's open and what's not in an area might largely depend on the state-specific guidelines. The Delhi government has said it will announce new rules for the Capital later.

## Delhi to put out own guidelines today: Kejriwal

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**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi government will announce on Monday what it plans to do next after the national capitol, officials announced on Sunday after the Union government said it had issued some of the curbs in force since March 25, when the country was put under a lockdown to control the spread of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19).

"The Centre's guidelines are largely in line with the proposal sent by the Delhi government, however, the suggestions of officials of Delhi, too. We have used the lockdown period to improve our health care system if corona cases increase, but it is now time to relax the restrictions to some extent," chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said in a tweet, earlier he said the Union Home ministry had the final say on Sunday.

According to officials, who added notes to the Centre, except for the 15 containment zones in the Capital, there will be as strict

**OFFICIALS SAID THERE WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE ALLOWED IN DELHI IN THE FOURTH PHASE OF LOCKDOWN**

increase in permitted activities in line with the Centre's guidelines. Some of these would include the return of buses, cabs, and e-commerce and to the reopening of markets, sports complexes, and educational facilities.

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Some of the other recommendations by the Delhi government, such as relaxing the tight curbs on shops to open and reopening some shops in shopping malls, were not part of the Union government guidelines — which means they cannot be implemented.

## India sees record 1-day spike, Delhi nears 10k cases

**NEW DELHI:** India on Sunday recorded 2,881 new Covid-19 cases and 154 deaths — its highest single-day spike on health counts — that took its total tally to 36,608 and led to a fall from the disease to 2,551. Of these, Delhi saw 422 new cases on Sunday, taking the city's total infections to 50,535. With almost 900 cases being recorded each day, the Capital's case load is likely to cross the 50,000 mark on Monday. — P3

## Cyclone Amphan to make landfall in Bengal on May 20

**NEW DELHI/KOLKATA:** Severe cyclonic storm Amphan has been classified into a very severe cyclonic storm or Super Cyclone of Bengal, and is likely to cross West Bengal and Bangladesh on May 20 after sunrise.

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## Migrants take to crossing Yamuna river to go home

**MEERUT:** They are not expected to return home till the 15 days of major migrant workers have washed through the border, watch-high stretches of the Yamuna River have been seen to appear in Uttar Pradesh over the past few days to avoid detection and identification of the heavily guarded border checkpoints and as the lockdown on 15 containment zones in the Capital, there will be as strict

### TRACKING THE VIRUS

| WORLD                | INDIA             | DELHI               |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| CASES: 4,770,160     | CASES: 95,656     | CASES: 9,755        |
| DEATHS: 314,530      | DEATHS: 12,044    | DEATHS: 400         |
| RECOVERED: 1,514,506 | RECOVERED: 82,552 | RECOVERED: 146 (14) |

WORLD: United States 1,255,574; China 1,265,574

INDIA: Maharashtra 32,242; Gujarat 10,204; Tamil Nadu 9,555; Delhi 8,296

DELHI: 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st