



Dated Lahore the 10th July, 2020

To

1. All Divisional Commissioners in the Punjab.
2. All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab.
3. All Administrators, Metropolitan / Municipal Corporations and Municipal Committees in the Punjab.
4. All Administrators, Tehsil Councils in the Punjab.
5. All CEOs / Managing Directors, Waste Management Companies in the Punjab.
6. All Managing Directors, Cattle Market Management Companies in the Punjab.
7. All Chief Officers, Metropolitan/ Municipal Corporations and Municipal Committees in the Punjab.
8. All Chief Officers, Tehsil Councils in the Punjab.

Subject: - **ESTABLISHMENT OF SALE POINTS AND EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EID-UL-AZHA, 2020**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject noted above and to state that the nation shall celebrate Eid-ul-Azha during last week of July, 2020 with religious zeal & zest. This year, some special arrangements would be required in all cattle markets / sale points in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic to provide an opportunity to the public for sale / purchase of the animals in a comparatively safer environment. This would be a challenging task to provide acceptable level of amenities, municipal and other services in such cattle markets/ sale points by making foolproof arrangements in all respects to the extent possible.

2. Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department, Government of the Punjab vide letter No.SO(EP&C)1-8/2020 dated 02nd July, 2020 has already issued detailed SOPs for cattle markets/ sale points to prevent COVID-19 and Congo Virus (CCHF) spread. These SOPs must be followed and implemented in letter and spirit by all Local Governments, Waste Management Companies and Cattle Market Management Companies in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

3. Government of the Punjab, Home Department vide letter No. SO(IS-II)3-67/2020(CORONA)-1 dated 06th July, 2020 has also issued general guidelines / instructions regarding establishment of Cattle Markets for Eid-ul-Azha, 2020 which must also be followed in letter and spirit.

4. It is, therefore, requested to ensure following measures for facilitation of general public and to make necessary arrangements with regard to this mega event of Eid-ul-Azha:

a) **Location of cattle markets/ sale points**

As per laid down SOPs of Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department, Government of the Punjab and the general guidelines issued by Home Department, cattle markets/ sale points should be established at least 2-5 KM away from city limits as per availability of space and local situation, with accessibility **through public transport** and with strict observance of SOPs regarding COVID-19. No cattle markets and sale points shall be established within city limits. Hence, this SOP should be strictly adhered to.

b) **Time for establishment of cattle markets/ sale points**

Cattle markets/ sale points shall be functional at least **fifteen days (15)** prior to the Eid-ul-Azha.

c) **Which cattle markets/ sale points shall operate**

Only those cattle markets/ sale points, as approved by the District Administration, shall be allowed to function and no other cattle market/ sale point shall be established anyway.

d) **Size of the Cattle Markets/ Sale Points**

Size of cattle markets/ sale points shall be large as compared to the cattle markets/ sale points established for Eid-ul-Azha of last year (2019).

e) **Arrangements in Cattle Markets/ Sale Points**

- i) Cattle Market Management Companies shall seek immediate directions from the Divisional Commissioners for making necessary arrangements at the places of regular / notified cattle markets.
- ii) All Local Governments in the Punjab shall establish sale points in their respective areas of jurisdiction on the places / points notified by the respective District Administration.
- iii) It has been unequivocally stated by the Home Department and Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department that cattle markets/ sale points shall only be established 2-5 KM away from city limits. Hence, this SOP should be strictly adhered to.
- iv) Anti-Congo Crimean Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) measures must also be ensured at the cattle markets / sale points.
- v) Spacious place for cattle sale should be available and cattle be pegged at suitable distance as per site condition.

- vi) Spacious parking lot would be provided separately for vehicles carrying cattle and for customers visiting the cattle markets/ sale points.
- vii) Those urban local governments where sale points are not being established shall extend full support to other local governments and district administration for provision of HR and equipment for reasonable arrangements at other designated sale points / cattle markets.
- viii) Cattle Market Management Companies may charge notified service charges and entry fee in their respective areas of jurisdiction while ensuring high level services.
- ix) Best possible arrangements should be made by providing all basic facilities including public address system, sanitation, cleanliness, lighting, drinking water, tents (where required), fodder, security cameras, signboards, toilets, masks/ gloves sale kiosks etc. by the respective local governments and CMMCs.
- x) Eateries and food service tables must not be allowed in cattle markets/ sale points. However, only take away arrangements for food items may be allowed after ensuring all safety measures as per SOPs of the Punjab Food Authority.
- xi) Security arrangements at all sale points should also be made with the help and assistance of local police ensuring deployment of necessary personnel around the clock. Pick pocketing is generally reported at such sites.
- xii) Duty roster of staff should be issued having staff deployed round the clock and contact numbers of staff be displayed at site and also shared with LG&CD Department through email at plgboard@hotmail.com.
- xiii) Complaint Register, Inspection Register and Attendance Register of staff must be made available at all cattle markets/ sale points.
- xiv) Suggested layout of cattle markets / sale points developed by the Home Department, Government of the Punjab is annexed herewith for guidance.
- xv) Livestock & Dairy Development Department shall deploy teams of veterinary doctors/ staff and shall make special arrangement for prevention of CCHF besides providing routine veterinary facilities and medical cover to the animals in cattle markets and sale points.
- xvi) All the Provincial Departments including Health Department, L&DD Department, Agriculture Department, Waste Management Companies and Police Department may be taken onboard for effective arrangements at all cattle markets/ sale points.

f) **Sanitation Arrangements by Waste Management Companies & LGs**

- i) All Waste Management Companies and Local Governments shall ensure effective arrangements for sanitation, solid waste management, collection and safe disposal of offal and sacrificial waste in a timely and orderly manner.
- ii) All Waste Management Companies and Local Governments shall submit Operational / Contingency Plans prepared for Eid-ul-Azha 2020 with detail of manpower, equipment, vehicles, control rooms details, public awareness campaign etc. immediately to LG&CD Department through email at lqcd.dept@gmail.com.
- iii) Massive disinfection in the wake of COVID-19, as per recommendations of Health Department of Government of the Punjab, must be continued by WMCs and LGs, especially at hotspots and in the locked down areas.
- iv) It is stressed that necessary arrangements shall be put in place for immediate removal of sacrificial animals' waste including offal, with proper eventual disposal as per past practice.
- v) Waste Management Companies shall extend services for cleanliness and waste management in all cattle markets/ sale points established at the outskirts of their respective cities.
- vi) Sanitation and general cleanliness of all areas of cities/ towns shall also be ensured by the WMCs and LGs in their respective areas of jurisdiction in general and particularly during three days of Eid-ul-Azha.
- vii) Complaint Cell and Control Rooms at appropriate places shall also be established by all Local Governments for redressal of complaints, and the steps taken on the subject matter should be given wide publicity for information of general public.
- viii) Water sprinkling and lime-lining around Eid Congregations, Collective Qurban Gahs, Mosques etc must be made as per previous practice with improved quality.

g) **Monsoon Arrangements**

All Local Governments shall ensure prompt dewatering arrangements in the wake of upcoming heavy spells of monsoon especially on the access road / Katcha Paths leading to cattle markets/ sale points to keep such roads operational for use by heavy vehicles, light traffic and pedestrians.

h) **General Instructions**

- i) Special meetings must be held with Ulemas, Khateebis, renowned religious scholars, Imams, Muftis of all sects to take them on board and

to brief them about overall the arrangements under COVID-19 conditions.

- ii) Such meetings should also be held with Traders Associations, Anjuman-e-Tajran of different markets and Business Forums to seek their support for implementation of SOPs for COVID-19.
- iii) Strict implementation of SOPs for Eid prayers on the lines of Eid-ul-Fitr prayers shall also be ensured.
- iv) Promote and encourage central / collective Qurbani through various public, private and community organizations under proper hygienic conditions while adhering to COVID-19 SOPs.
- v) Effective arrangements and administrative setups must be geared up to institute effective mechanism for waste disposal.
- vi) Must educate masses on the possible spread of COVID-19 during meat distribution etc so caution must be exercised by all and sundry.
- vii) Effective media awareness campaign through multiple mediums, besides publicity through panaflexs/banners, be initiated for enhancing chances of willful adherence to SOPs by the general public.

The matter must be assigned 'Top-Priority'.

P. 10.07.2020
(MUHAMMAD ASLAM NADEEM)
SECTION OFFICER (COMPANIES)

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1. Chief Secretary, Govt. of the Punjab, Lahore.
2. Inspector General of Police Punjab, Lahore.
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of the Punjab, Home Department.
4. Secretary, Government of the Punjab, L&DD Department.
5. Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Punjab, Lahore.
6. Secretary, Government of the Punjab, SH&ME Department.
7. Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Transport Department.
8. Secretary, Government of the Punjab, P&SH Department.
9. Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Agriculture Department.
10. Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Law & PA Department.
11. Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Labour & HR Department.
12. Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Industries Department.
13. Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Information Department.
14. All Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab.
15. All District Police Officers in the Punjab.
16. PSO to Minister, LG&CD Department.
17. PSO to Secretary, LG&CD Department.

MOST URGENT / TOP PRIORITY



No. SO (EP&C) 1-8/2020
**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
PRIMARY & SECONDARY HEALTHCARE
DEPARTMENT**

Dated Lahore the 2nd July, 2020

To

1. Secretary Livestock and Dairy Development Department
2. All Commissioners in Punjab
3. Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Punjab
4. All Deputy Commissioners in Punjab
5. All Chief Executive Officers, District Health Authorities in Punjab

Subject: **SOPs FOR CATTLE MARKETS TO PREVENT COVID-19 & CONGO
SPREAD**

Cattle Trading and Transportation in the country is a permanent feature during *Eid Ul Adha*. Sacrificing animals on *Eid* days is a religious obligation for Muslims. Cattle business also generates significant economic boost for the country. On the other hand, this huge movement of livestock and mass gatherings at cattle markets always poses threats of communicable diseases like Cholera, Typhoid Fever, Congo Crimean Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) and Respiratory Infections. Every year Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department, Livestock Department and District Administrations take necessary measures to prevent and control spread of these communicable diseases. This year, in the wake of COVID-19 Pandemic more comprehensive and focused approach is required to mitigate and control the spread of COVID-19 at cattle markets across Punjab. The Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department (P&SHD), on the recommendations of Technical Working Group (TWG), is pleased to issue 'Standard Operating Procedures' (SOPs) to prevent COVID-19 spread as detailed below:

BASIC PRINCIPLE

COVID-19 is considered zoonotic origin disease, though confirmed link with the specific animal has not yet been established. COVID-19 is a man to man highly transmissible disease which spreads through respiratory droplets produced during coughing, sneezing and talking of the infected person including a vast majority asymptomatic people. The droplets may contaminate the surfaces and hands. Individual's

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hands can get contaminated after coming in contact with shared surfaces. Touching eyes, mouth and nose with contaminated hands transmits the virus to the body that affects the respiratory system. Frequent hand-hygiene, observing social/spatial distancing, abiding with respiratory etiquettes and surface disinfection are desired actions to avoid the spread of COVID-19. Management of cattle markets is required to implement following precautionary measures to avoid disease spread: -

a. **Location**

- (1) Cattle market should be established at designated points, 2-5 KM away from city limits.
- (2) Number and size of the cattle markets should depend upon cattle base and transportation facilities however TWG recommends increase in number of cattle markets to manage the rush/gathering of traders and customers.

b. **Recommended Measures**

- (1) **Spatial Layout**. Each Cattle market must have following well defined areas:
 - (a) Main business area for establishment of *barraas* for cattle.
 - (b) Well ventilated management offices.
 - (c) Medical and Veterinary camps.
 - (d) Spacious parking lots separately for vehicles carrying cattle and for customers.
 - (e) Separate Entry and Exit points for one way controlled movement under SOPs.
- (2) **Visitor's Management**
 - (a) The management will ensure controlled entry to the cattle market.
 - (b) The parking area will be marked for appropriately distanced parking for each vehicle and no extra vehicle will be allowed to enter unless the space is available.
 - (c) Only two people per vehicle/car will be allowed.
 - (d) Elderly people and children may not be allowed to enter the market.
 - (e) People with fever or respiratory symptoms are not advised to visit the cattle markets.



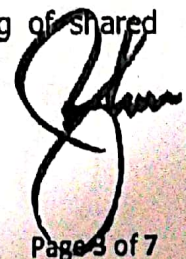
- (f) Ensure appropriately distanced queue management at each entry point.

(3) **Cattle Placement**

- (a) Cattles will be placed in appropriately distanced areas.
- (b) Customers will not be allowed to mix up with animals inside *barraas*.
- (c) Cattle would be pegged at distance inside *barraa* so that close gathering of customers can be avoided during inspection of animals.

(4) **Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)**

- (a) Cattle markets should provide hand-hygiene facilities (hand wash with soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizer) at entry point and multiple places within the market areas.
- (b) No person will be allowed to enter the market without wearing a face covering either for sale/purchase of animals or staff involved in market management.
- (c) Never share face mask or face covering with anyone.
- (d) Avoid touching the insides of a mask/face covering.
- (e) If the mask is soiled or becomes wet discard safely and immediately use new mask.
- (f) Use of gloves is recommended while touching the animals.
- (g) Cattle market management staff, sellers, buyers and visitors should not share personal items like writing pen, food utensils, pots, etc.
- (h) The market premises should have functional toilets and handwashing facility with essentially required supplies including soap, tissues and paper towels.
- (i) No handshake or hugging is allowed with anyone.
- (j) Gathering of more than 5 persons at one place within market premises should not be allowed.
- (k) Use of hand sanitizers is highly recommended after exchange of currency bills, handling of cattle ropes and touching of shared surfaces within the market.



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(l) High touch surfaces like bars, table etc. should be cleaned with detergent and disinfected with 0.1% Hypochlorite solution frequently.

(m) Proper waste collection and disposal arrangements should be ensured.

(5) **Health Status of Staff and Visitors**

(a) Thermal scanning of staff and visitors at Entry Points by trained personnel to be ensured.

(b) Medical camps with adequate staffing, equipment and PPE will be established at Cattle markets by concerned District Health Authority.

(c) Any person detected with high temperature will be referred to medical camps for further assessment.

(d) Staff and visitors suffering from cough should be immediately separated and referred for further assessment.

(e) Information about any suspected case of COVID-19, will be passed to respective District Health Authority or by calling 1033 for testing of SARS-CoV 2 infection.

(f) The daily data of medical camps established at Cattle Markets will be submitted to P&SHC department through COVID-19 dashboard.

(6) **Veterinary Clinics**

(a) Livestock department is responsible for monitoring of health status of animals being brought and kept at cattle markets.

(b) SARS COV-2 is a novel zoonotic virus, and there are some rare situations that human to animal transmission can occur.

(c) Limited information is available to characterize the spectrum of clinical illness associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection in animals. Clinical signs thought to be compatible with SARS-CoV-2 infection in animals include fever, coughing, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, lethargy, sneezing, nasal/ocular discharge, vomiting, and diarrhea.



- (d) Veterinary clinic staff will examine any animal reporting these symptoms and if suspect for COVID-19 infection, will ensure immediate isolation of sick animal for further assessment.
- (e) The information about sick animal and its caretaker will be passed to DHA for assessment of health condition of caretakers and his contacts.
- (f) The veterinary clinic data will also be compiled and shared with concerned offices in Livestock and Health department for analysis and monitoring of trends.
- (g) Veterinary staff will also examine all animals for presence of *Hyalomma* tick and ensure anti-ticks arrangements at cattle markets and city entry points.

c. **Measures for Prevention of Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever**

CCHF is a widespread disease caused by a tick-borne virus (Nairovirus) with a case fatality rate 10%-40%. Ticks are both reservoir and vector for the CCHF virus. Numerous wild and domestic animals, such as cattle, buffaloes, goats, sheep are silent carriers of this virus and the adult ticks feed on these animals. Animals become infected by infected tick bite. Mode of Transmission is Bite or handling infected *Hyalomma* tick; blood/tissue of infected domestic animals (slaughtering); or direct contact with blood/tissue of infected patients. Nosocomial infections are common. Healthcare workers along with animal herders, Veterinarians, Para-veterinary staff, livestock workers, animal merchants, butchers and slaughterhouse workers are at risk of CCHF. Apart from them, close contacts caring the suspected case and person involved in burial practices are also at risk of getting infection. Following measures are recommended:

d. **For General Public**

- (1) Wear light colored full sleeves and trousers for easy detection of ticks on clothes and bite protection.
- (2) Regularly examine clothing and skin for ticks; if found, remove them safely and use approved acaricides/repellents on clothing and skin.
- (3) Use insect/ tick repellent to save from tick bite.
- (4) Purchase tick-free animal and don't allow children to play with animals



e. **For Livestock & Veterinary Staff**

- (1) Ensure monitoring of sacrificial animal at various entry points/market.
- (2) Make sure that every animal is treated with acaricides a week before reaching animal market/*mandi*.
- (3) Wear gloves and other protective clothing while handling animals.
- (4) Always use gloves and forceps for the removal and collection of ticks.
- (5) Ticks should never be crushed with fingers. Never handle ticks with bare hands. Frequent hand-wash practice should be adopted.
- (6) Always examine the animals for ticks especially on ears, armpits, axilla, abdominal region, teats/udder and region below the tail.
- (7) Tick infestation surveillance and disinfestation of animals with acaricides (chemicals intended to kill ticks) spray/ shower at market entry points.
- (8) Tick infestation surveillance and disinfections of animals with acaricides spray/ shower at city entry points for individual animals directly brought to home by citizen.
- (9) Liquid formulation should be sprayed to animal herds and can be injected cracks and crevices of the area. Use Cypermethrine spray on animals (1cc in 2 liters of water) and for ground spray (1 cc in 1 liter of water)
- (10) Use of Cypermethrine powder on live animals 1 ml/ 50 Kg body weight is also recommended. Whereas spray of Ivermectins/ topical application may be applied as drops along the vertebral column of animals (10-15 ml per animal).
- (11) Lime powder or acaricide can be applied on farms premises to reduce the tick population.

f. **Food Services and Vendors**

- (1) Food Points will be established at dedicated places with only take away services.
- (2) Food points and vendors will pack/serve food only in disposable utensils.
- (3) Waste Collection bins with lid will be installed at places near each cattle *barra* for disposal of waste.
- (4) Mobile food vendors will not be allowed inside cattle market.

- (5) If animal traders do self-cooking, it should be allowed in designated area only and sharing of utensils (Spoon, Glass, plates and cups) should be prohibited.

9. **Public Awareness**

- (1) The awareness messages will be displayed in the cattle markets at conspicuous places
- (2) Announcements regarding preventive measures and SOPs should be a regular activity throughout the cattle markets. Announcements in local languages are advised.
- (3) District Administrations will arrange awareness sessions and seminars with cattle market management and traders on preventive measures of COVID-19 and Congo Fever in their respective districts.

h. **Prohibitions**

- (1) Eateries and food service tables are not allowed in the premises of cattle markets.
- (2) Sanitization tunnels to disinfect human visitors are not allowed.
- (3) Children and senior citizen may not be allowed to visit cattle markets



CAPTAIN (R) MUHAMMAD USMAN
Secretary

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A copy is forwarded for information and further necessary action to:

1. Minister for SHC&ME and P&SHC Departments Punjab.
2. Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab.
3. Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Punjab.
4. Secretary, SHC&ME Department, Government of Punjab.
5. Special Secretaries, SHC&ME and P&SHC Departments
6. Additional Secretaries (Tech), SHC&ME and P&SHC Departments.
7. Director General Health Services, Punjab, Lahore.
8. All Divisional Directors Health Services In Punjab.
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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
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Lahore, the 06th July, 2020

To

The Secretary,
Government of the Punjab,
Local Government and Community Development, Department.

Subject: **GENERAL GUIDELINES/INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF
CATTLE MARKETS-EID UL-AZHA, 2020.**

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to state that the meeting of Cabinet Committee on Corona was held on 04.07.2020 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Punjab at 8th Club Road, GOR-I, Lahore, wherein, general guidelines regarding the establishment of cattle Mandi/Markets, which were prepared in line with the National Command Operation Center (NCOC) directions were discussed at length.

2. After the detailed deliberations, following decisions were taken by the said committee:

- i. Cattle markets shall only be established at least 02 to 05 Km away from city limits as per availability of space and local situation, with the accessibility through free public transport with strict observance of SOPs of COVID-19.
- ii. No cattle sale/ purchase points shall be allowed within city limits.
- iii. Cattle markets shall be functional atleast fifteen days (15 days) prior to Eid-ul-Azha.
- iv. Size of the cattle markets shall be large as compared to the cattle markets established on Eid-ul-Azha of last year depends upon cattle base and transportation facilities.
- v. Only approved cattle market by the district administration shall be allowed to function.
- vi. Anti Congo Virus measures be also ensured at the cattle markets/ mandis.
- vii. Spacious places for cattle sale and cattle would be pegged at distance.
- viii. Spacious parking lots shall be established separately for vehicles carrying cattle and for customers at cattle markets.
- ix. Strict implementation of SOPs for Eid prayers on the lines of Eid-ul-Fitr prayers.
- x. Promote and encourage central/ collective Qurbani through various public, private and community organizations.

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- xi. Administrative setups must be geared up to institute effective mechanism for waste disposal.
- xii. Educate masses on the possible spread of COVID during meat distribution; caution must be exercised.
- xiii. Effective media awareness campaign through multiple medium, besides publicity through panaflexes/ banners be initiated for adopted policy.
- xiv. Suggested layout of cattle market (**copy enclosed**).
3. I am further directed to request that all necessary arrangements regarding the subject matter shall be made in coordination with Livestock & Dairy Development Department.
4. In view of above, you are requested to pass instructions to field formation for taking further necessary action, please.
5. This matter may be treated as "**MOST URGENT**".


SECTION OFFICER
(Internal Security II)

Section Officer (IS-II)
Government of the Punjab
Home Department

CC.

1. Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab.
2. PPO/IGP, Punjab.
3. Secretary, Primary & Secondary Healthcare, Department, Punjab with the request to establish medical camps at the designated cattle markets for ensuring COVID-19 screening of the visitors.
4. Secretary, Livestock & Dairy Development Department, Punjab.
5. Deputy Secretary (Operations), National Command Operation Center (NCOC) w/r to letter dated 04.07.2020.
6. All Commissioners & Deputy Commissioners in the Punjab.
7. PSO to Chief Secretary, Punjab.
8. PS to ACS (Home), Punjab.

RECOMMENDED LAYOUT - CATTLE MARKET

