



MIDC – Industry Association Meeting with CII and FICCI Members to Discuss Govt. of Maharashtra Break the Chain Guidelines issued on 13th April 2021

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) Are ancillary suppliers and support services of essential manufacturers/services allowed to operate without their supply chains being affected?

Yes. One of the cardinal principles behind the guidelines is that 'essential for essential is essential'.

2) Steel processing and other such critical manufacturing items are required for essential services and goods, are they allowed?

Yes. One of the cardinal principles behind the guidelines is that 'essential for essential is essential'.

3) Are units producing essential industry related construction equipment or electrical engineering equipment allowed?

Yes, subject to the terms and guidelines outlined in the government order.

4) Will there be a pass or permission system?

No. No passes or permission letters will be issued by the state government to any company. ID cards of the respective organizations will suffice for any movement in accordance with the guidelines. In case the companies want to issue letters to their suppliers, they can do so at their will and convenience.

5) Are Export Oriented Units and units having export obligations allowed to operate?

Yes, export and import units are allowed to operate according to the guidelines.

6) Which kind of manufacturing activities are allowed and are there workforce restrictions?

- All manufacturing related to essential products and services (including raw material suppliers, ancillaries, packaging, etc.) listed in the guidelines can work with full capacity of workforce
- Export oriented units can work with full capacity of workforce to meet their export obligations.
- Units that are of continuous nature, which cannot be stopped immediately and cannot restart without considerable time requirement, may continue with maximum of 50% of workforce at any given point of time.
- All the units that provide accommodation to their labour, either on the same campus or in an isolated facility from where movement may happen in an isolated bubble, with only 10% of managerial staff coming from outside may continue to work.
- All these units are subject to the time constraints and detailed guidelines for workforce on screening, testing, etc. as outlined in the Government Order.

7) Are Cargo movements, export/import consignment movements, suppliers for transport sector allowed?



Yes. They are allowed under the essential category.

8) Are defence and aerospace manufacturing units allowed?

Yes. Subject to the guidelines outlined in the government order.

9) What are the norms for essential services manufacturing units producing or requiring oxygen?

Manufacturing units producing oxygen for only medical or pharma services are allowed. Units which are net consumers of oxygen as raw material are not allowed. All industrial producers of oxygen shall reserve a percentage of their production (actual as well as capacity) for medical or pharmaceutical purposes as specified by Public Health Department. They should declare their customers and end use of the oxygen supplied from 10th April 2021 onwards.

10) What are the norms for e-commerce?

E-Commerce will be only allowed for the delivery of essential goods and services, subject to the time constraints under the guidelines. Example: All items that are needed for health or medical reasons, groceries, food items etc. as per the Q&A's released by the Disaster Management, Relief & Rehabilitation department.

11) For delivery of essential goods to stores, is Rapid Antigen Test still required?

No. This is in accordance with the Q&A's released by the Disaster Management, Relief & Rehabilitation department.

12) Will food delivery be allowed and does the timing restriction of 8pm hold?

Yes, home delivery is allowed since it falls under the essential services. As per the Q&A's released by the Disaster Management, Relief & Rehabilitation department, times of operations for establishments are decided by local bodies. Thus, if regular operations are beyond 8pm, home delivery will continue beyond 8pm. Local authorities, if so desired may vary these operation timings.

13) What are the norms for Covid-19 testing for workforce?

The norms for Covid-19 testing as outlined in the 4th and 5th April Break the Chain guidelines continue to hold. All units and organizations will ensure that their personnel are to carry a negative RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen Testing report valid up to 15 days.

14) Do the companies have to bear the cost of testing of their employees?

Yes.

15) Does Food processing and packaging qualify as essentials services?

Yes.

16) Are soaps and shampoo units allowed to operate?

Yes. All personal hygiene products are allowed.

17) What are the norms for water supply processes, sewage treatment plants, maintenance of such activities?



All these activities qualify under essential services, and therefore allowed to operate.

18) Are Agriculture and Agri-ancillary / support units allowed?

Yes, subject to the terms and guidelines outlined in the government order.

19) Are R&D units allowed?

Only if R&D units are an integral part of the manufacturing processes which are allowed by the government order.