

Advisory for Heat Wave 2022

State level

- State governments must update and customise their Heat Action plans as per NDMA guidelines 2019, which have already been circulated to all concerned vide NDMA letter No. 1-79/2019-PP dated 22nd October 2019 and also uploaded on the NDMA website. (<https://ndma.gov.in/images/guidelines/heatwaveguidelines.pdf>)
- Heat wave Action Plan of the State may be circulated to all Collectors & HoDs of concerned line departments with instructions for its implementation.
- States must appoint a Nodal Officer at each level (State, District and Block levels) for communicating early warning and coordinating the implementation of HAP.
- Give directions to Stakeholders to take precautionary measures of concurrent disaster of COVID-19. Provisions should be made to ensure physical distancing along with the availability of soap, water and sanitising stations.
- State government must review and monitor the heat wave situation through video conferencing with concerned line departments/districts/blocks.
- Put up display boards with colour coding for heat wave alert at different locations.
- Widely publicise Do's & Don'ts.
- Publish IEC print material (print material, radio jingles and TVCs) in regional language.
- Warnings may be disseminated by using SMSes, WhatsApp etc.
- Keep stock of ORS packets at health centers and anganwadis.
- School timings should be re-scheduled to avoid peak heat/ midday. Schools may start early and close before noon.
- Large-scale setting up of drinking water stations (kiosks) at public places.
- Setting up special shelters for MNREGA/construction workers and rescheduling their working hours.
- Undertake local thresholds assessment with the partnership of expert institutions.

District level

- Undertake awareness campaign to inform and educate the public on Heat wave Do's & Don'ts.
- Undertake precautionary measures of concurrent disaster of COVID-19. Provisions should be made to ensure physical distancing along with the availability of soap, water and sanitising stations.
- Undertake necessary steps to prevent heat-related deaths.
- Hold regular Press conferences on the risks and dangers of heat-related illnesses activate "cooling centres" such as temples, public buildings, malls, etc. and urge NGOs, community groups and individuals to open drinking water / butter milk kiosks at public places during Heat Wave conditions.
- Urge power companies to prioritise maintaining power supply to critical facilities (such as hospitals and UHCs).