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*Bishop of Malacca-Johore Diocese*

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**Bishop's Circular No: BP/2021/047**

To All MJD Clergy and Parishes.

**Re: MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER (MCO): January 13 to January 26**

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Following our Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin's announcement yesterday (11 Jan 2021), our states of Johor and Malacca will be placed under the **Movement Control Order (MCO)** for two (2) weeks commencing **January 13** at 12.01am. (*Refer to Summary of MCO attached.*)

The following to be adhered to:

1. **No masses in churches in Malacca and Johor** (except Graceville's internal mass for the retired clergy and residents.) **Continue to provide online masses** to the faithful till further notice.
2. **CMR-January ZOOM meeting** to take place on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January from 10.00am to 12.30pm. (*Action: Msgr Peter Ng*)
3. **No Diaconate Ordination** till after the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021. (*Action: Fr Louis Chin*)
4. **MAJODI offices will continue operating** with minimum staff of 5. (*Other staff members can be assigned in rotation.*) The Diocesan Office and Parish Offices must remain open. (*Action: Fr Sebastian Koh SJ & HR Dept*)
5. If the staff is not assigned or given duty, they can **work from home.**
6. **Travelling work documents** will be provided by the parish for parish workers or the Diocesan Office for MAJODI workers. (*Action: Parish Priests & HR Dept*)

Let us continue to be vigilant and do our part as responsible citizens to bring this current wave under control. Let us also continue to pray for all the health care front-liners personnel.

Together Building His Kingdom,

+ Rt Rev Bernard Paul, D.D.  
Bishop of Malacca Johore Diocese





## Summary of MCO (Relevant for Malacca Johore Diocese only)

### **::: MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER (MCO) :::**

**STATES:** Penang, Selangor, Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Labuan, **Melaka, Johor**, and Sabah

**DURATION:** 14 days from Jan 13 (12.01am) to Jan 26

#### Restrictions:

#### • **No interstate and inter-district travels.**

- No social gatherings, such as weddings, wedding receptions, conferences, religious processions (including Thaipusam), meetings, seminars, courses, and group sport activities.
- Roadblocks will be mounted; movements limited to 10km radius from home.
- Only two people per household allowed to head out to purchase groceries at nearby supermarkets or grocery stores.
- Only two people allowed per vehicle
- Anyone who violates these rulings will be subjected to a maximum fine of RM1,000 under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 (Act 342)
- Only 5 essential economic sectors allowed to operate: manufacturing; construction; service; trade and distribution; and plantations and commodities.
- Only 30 per cent of workers within a company's management group are allowed to go in to office; employers to determine number of employees permitted in office at any one time (taking into consideration standard operating procedures compliance)
- **Ensure total adherence to SOP, observe physical distancing at all times.**
- Non-essential services staff to work from home; employers must comply with this ruling.
- Eateries and hawker stalls may operate but only take-aways allowed.
- Food delivery serviced allowed.
- Supermarkets, healthcare services (including clinics, hospitals and pharmacies), banks allowed to operate with strict SOP compliance: always wear masks; use hand sanitisers frequently; observe physical distancing at all times.
- Stay at home if there is no immediate or urgent need to head out.

**STUDENTS:** Candidates due to sit for SPM in 2020 and 2021 are allowed to attend school with strict SOP. Education Ministry will detail this SOP.

**RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES: Only a maximum of 5 mosque / houses of worship committee members allowed at these premises.**

#### RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Outdoor recreational activities allowed among people within same household.
- Individuals must keep 2m-distance at all times.
- No more than 2 people allowed to jog at any one time.
- Cycling not allowed in groups; only one person allowed.

