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# Stricter lockdown in Chennai, 3 other dists from June 19-30

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TN Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Monday announced an intensified lockdown in Chennai and parts of Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram and Chengalpattu from June 19 to 30 to contain the spread of Covid-19. This means that the gradual easing of curbs, which had been rolled out when Unlock 1.0

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was announced on June 1, will cease to exist for these areas for 12 days. On June 21 and 28, both Sundays, there will be a complete lockdown with permission only for milk and essential services that include hospitals and pharmacies. Besides ambulances and mortuary vans, only private vehicles carrying medical requirements will be allowed to ply.

The decision was taken as per the recommendations of health experts and the cabinet.

All rice card holders, members of welfare boards of unorganised workers, and members of other welfare boards will be given ₹1,000 as relief assistance. Palaniswami said in a statement, "Intensified lockdown will be enforced strictly in containment zones. Local

bodies will ensure supply of essential commodities to houses. These areas will be disinfected twice a day."

Ambulances would continue and the supply of essential commodities and emergency medical assistance will be coordinated by special control rooms.

The CM reiterated that recovery rate in TN is high and fatality rate is at the lowest.



With the Tamil Nadu Government announcing an intensified lockdown on Monday, Chennaiites stock up on essential commodities | R SATISH BABU