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# Tougher restrictions expected to be announced in city, other parts of State

State govt. to hold crucial meeting today

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Tougher restrictions are expected to be announced in parts of Karnataka, especially in Bengaluru, which are witnessing a big surge in the number of COVID-19 cases, causing anxiety in the administration.

Non-essential businesses – barring the non-essential retail business – that attract big crowds could be the first to take the blow as a crucial meeting gets under way on Monday to which all the elected representatives from Bengaluru have been invited. Among those on agenda is to increase the curfew hours and also the weekend

## 19,067 new cases reported

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As many as 19,067 new COVID-19 cases were reported on Sunday, taking the total number of positive cases in Karnataka to 11.61 lakh. This is the highest single-day rise across the State.

Of these, 12,793 were reported in Bengaluru

lockdown, sources said.

While some tough steps could be expected to be announced soon after the meeting in Bengaluru, it is likely to be extended to some other places across Karnataka, the sources said, adding that Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has also indicated

Urban district. According to the media bulletin issued by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, the positivity rate was 13.09% on Sunday. Number of tests conducted was 1.45 lakh and the case fatality rate was 0.42%. The number of COVID-19 related deaths on Sunday was 81, taking the total toll to 13,351.

of its extension to a couple of more districts. Ruling out a lockdown, Revenue Minister R. Ashok on Sunday said that strict measures would be announced on Monday after the meeting of political representatives. He held a precursor meeting with Health Minister K. Sudhakar on

Sunday. Monday's meeting has been convened by Mr. Ashok, who is the vice-chairman of the State Disaster Management Committee, in the absence of the committee chairman Mr. Yediyurappa, who is recuperating in a hospital here after testing positive for COVID-19.

### Outside Bengaluru

While Bengaluru has been a focus with a huge surge, places such as Mysuru, Tumakuru, Bidar, and Kalaburagi seems to be area of concern. "If you compare the numbers with the population ratio there, they are almost equal or more than Bengaluru. These areas are also expected to see tighter rules," said government sources.

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Mr. Yediyurappa is likely to chair another meeting on Tuesday, in a virtual mode, after which tougher measures for the State is expected to be announced.

"Though night curfew has been implemented in only eight urban centres, strict measures could be announced for the full State following Tuesday's meeting," the sources said.

The State government also has to decide on the future of night curfew, which has been implemented in eight urban centres, including Benga-

luru, since April 10 to Tuesday.

The reasoning for the tough measures, the sources said, was weighing heavily as the numbers had more than doubled since the first measure of night curfew was announced by the Chief Minister on April 8. "The doubling rate has been higher now when compared to the first wave. For example, the numbers were around 7,500 across the State on April 8, which has more than doubled since, and is expected to breach the 20,000 mark in a day or

two. It is also a psychological barrier that will weigh heavily on the decision-makers to decide on tough measures," the sources said.

Further, the sources added that the higher numbers was stretching the medical infrastructure, causing enormous stress on manpower and shortage of critical medicines and facilities. The sources, however, said that the cost of a lockdown was going to be disastrous for the economy, the reason for which the State was vacillating on tougher measures.