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The Union Home Ministry issued an order on Wednesday extending the COVID-19 guidelines for surveillance, containment and caution till February 28.

The guidelines permit cinema halls and theatres to operate at a higher capacity than the 50% seating strength allowed till now. Use of swimming pools has been permitted for all.

All kinds of social, religious and cultural gatherings that were earlier res-

tricted to a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity, with a ceiling of 200 persons in closed spaces, will now be allowed subject to the standard operating procedure issued by the State governments. "For further opening up of international air travel of passengers, the Ministry of Civil Aviation may take a decision in consultation with the Home Ministry based on the assessment of the situation," the order said.

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"The main focus is to consolidate the substantial gains that have been achieved against the spread of COVID-19, which is visible in the steady decline in the number of active and new cases in the country over the last four months," it said. The guidelines under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, issued in December are applicable till January 31.

"It is, therefore, emphasised that to fully overcome the pandemic, there is need to maintain caution and to strictly follow the prescribed containment strategy focused on surveillance, containment and strict observance of the guidelines/SOPs issued by MHA and Ministry of Health & Family

Welfare (MOHFW)," the order said.

"Cinema halls and theatres have already been permitted upto 50% of seating capacity. Now they will be permitted to operate at higher seating capacity, for which a revised SOP will be issued by Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Swimming pools have already been permitted for use of sportspersons. Now swimming pools will be permitted for use of all, for which a revised SOP will be issued by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MoYA&S)," it said.

The MHA said that "containment zones, if required, shall be carefully demarcated by the district authorities at the micro level, taking into consideration guidelines"