



Handicrafts and Carpet  
Sector Skill Council



**COVID -19 GUIDELINES BY HANDICRAFTS AND CARPET SECTOR  
SKILL COUNCIL FOR HANDICRAFTS AND CARPET INDUSTRIES IN  
INDIA**

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**HANDICRAFTS AND CARPET SECTOR SKILL COUNCIL (HCSSC)**

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## **PROLOGUE**

Handicrafts and Carpet Sector Skill Council (HCSSC) is an organization registered under Societies Act of 1860. This Sector Skill Council was incorporated in January 2014. HCSSC is promoted jointly by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) and Carpets Export Promotion Council (CEPC) with the inclusive representation of the Government, Industry, Industry Associations, Workers Organizations and Civil Society Organizations, training Institutes, and NGOs.

HCSSC is the apex body for skill development in Handicrafts and Carpet sector. HCSSC is the coordinator and promoter for the various agencies connected with the skill development in the Handicrafts and Carpet sector in India. HCSSC has been established with a core objective to provide deployable resources to the industry by enabling competency-based training as per the standards set in consultation with the industry. HCSSC is the organization accountable for skill development of the overall Handicrafts and Carpet sector.

As Handicraft workers make and repair instruments, jewellery, pottery, porcelain ware and etc, most of the handicrafts production requires the use of hands and other tools, equipments, and machines. The Covid-19 guidelines devised by HCSSC aims at providing guidance on safety and health practices to be followed by the workforce engaged in training activities and business of production of Handicrafts in the country, for minimizing the risks of further spread of Coronavirus during COVID-19 pandemic.

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## **HYGIENE PRACTICES TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE PERSONNEL AND WORKFORCE POST COVID-19 PANDEMIC WHILE WORKING AT MANUFACTURING UNITS, CLUSTERS AND TRAINING CENTERS**

- Through washing of the premises, both outer and inner with disinfectants. This should include both, sweeping and wiping of floors, doors, doorknobs, windows, fans, coolers, furniture and etc. Work force shall be allowed in the premises to take up their routine practises only once the surrounding the thoroughly cleaned
- The premises must be cleaned well at least thrice a day or at regular interval of times in a day (after every three hours)
- Workforce should be screened for any symptoms of coronavirus before allowing entry in the premises
- Prior to the entry of workforce in the premises, the usage of masks and gloves by them shall be ensured. The workforce shall be encouraged to carry sanitizers with them or if the same is not available with them, the concerned authority must provide the same.
- Usage of disposable utensils must be ensured to avoid the spread of Coronavirus.
- Sufficient number of dustbins must be provided at the premises to ensure the waste disposal, time to time.
- Toilets and its nearby areas must be thoroughly cleaned with disinfectants like Sodium hypochlorite, Hydrogen peroxide, Chlorine dioxide and etc.
- Above all, a detailed workshop and awareness program shall be conducted by personnel for the workforce prior to resuming operational activities at premises

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## **CRITICAL MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO AVOID FURTHER SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS**

- The workforce shall maintain a distance of at least 1 meter from each other.
- The Workforce must be directed to work in shifts rather gathering for the mass production
- The workforce shall be covered in boots, disposable gloves and wear N-95 or triple layered surgical face masks.
- Regular use of sanitizers or alcohol based sanitizers must be made mandatory, especially for the production of handicraft items which require physical touch on the machines, tools, equipments and etc by bare hands
- Exchange of currency notes must be avoided and digital mode of payments shall be used to ensure zero spread of coronavirus.
- Consumption of tobacco based items must be prohibited. Spitting must be completely banned in and around the premises.
- Downloading of Aarogya Setu App must be mandatory if the workforce possess smart/android phones

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