

## **COVID-19: Daily night curfew to be imposed in Ahmedabad from 20 Nov**

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- **The curfew will continue until the COVID-19 situation in the Gujarat improves, the authorities said.**

To prevent the coronavirus spread in the city, officials declared night curfew at Ahmedabad. Starting from 20 November, there will be daily curfew in the city from 9 pm to 6 am. The curfew will continue until the COVID-19 situation in the Gujarat improves, the authorities said.

Gujarat reported 1,281 new coronavirus cases on Wednesday, taking its COVID-19 tally to 1, 91,642. The deadly virus killed 3,823 people in the city so far. The government plans to increase the number of daily testing to detect new cases.

"In Ahmedabad, we have allotted 7,279 beds at seven government and 76 private hospitals for COVID-19 patients," Additional chief secretary Rajiv Kumar Gupta said. "Of these, 2,848 beds, that is 40 per cent, are still available," Gupta said in a statement. At least 2,347 beds are available in government hospitals and 501 beds in the private hospitals, he added.

Around 25,000 "corona warriors" including doctors and para-medical staff have been deployed for tackling the pandemic in the city, Gupta said.

The number of micro containment areas in the city rose to 100, according to the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation. The sudden spike was the result of people's movement in the festival season, said Gupta. Another reason for the increase was that people are not wearing masks and following social distancing, he said.

Around 500 coronavirus patients from other districts as well as neighbouring states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra are undergoing treatment in hospitals in Ahmedabad, said the release.

The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has set up 200 centres across the city where people can get tested free, the official statement added.

"Coronavirus vaccine will be available in the next few months and it is estimated that 400-500 million doses will be made available for 25-30 crore people by July-August," said Union health minister Harsh Vardhan on Thursday.