



# NORTH AMERICAN PUNJABI ASSOCIATION (NAPA)

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Capt.Amrinder Singh

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab

Chandigarh

June 01,2020

Dear Chief Minister,

Although you are also fully aware that Punjabi's are well settled around the globe but their heart always beat for their brothers and sisters in Punjab. We are keeping a close eye on the present crisis of Covid-19 in Punjab and in India. We applaud the decision of Punjab Government for four-week extension in the lockdown in Punjab, till June 30, with certain more relaxations, subject to the guidelines of the central government. In this critical situation we would like to express our concern against opening of the hospitality, industry and malls and we are also of the view that some more tough measures should be taken to save the lives of Punjabis.

As of now Punjab Government is loosening some restrictions but the government and people of the state should not feel as if the worst is finally over. If we go in the past global history, we can know that the Spanish flu killed more than 20 million people worldwide. After the initial wave, reported cases of Spanish flu dropped off over the summer of 1918, and there was hope at the beginning of August that the virus had run its course. From September through November of 1918, the death rate from the Spanish flu skyrocketed, as the authorities lifted social distancing measures. In the United States alone, 195,000 Americans died from the Spanish flu in just the month of October. If we follow the behavior of this virus transmission, it's highly likely the same thing will play out in the spread of the coronavirus too. Therefore, Punjab Government and the people of the

state should be more careful than before to follow the guidelines of Lockdown in the state.

We would also like to express our serious concern about the poor immune system of our peoples to fight the Covid-19 disease. Therefore, we request you to issue orders to health authorities not to leave any stone unturned to strengthen the immune system of our people.

With Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Chahal', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Satnam Singh Chahal

Executive Director