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No public entry in Soudhas till 3.30pm

Bengaluru: With coronavirus cases being reported among its employees, the government has imposed curbs at its administrative headquarters—Vidhana Soudha, Vikasa Soudha and the multi-storeyed MS Building.

"In view of sporadic cases of Covid-19 being reported in the secretariat and other offices, we have restricted public entry till 3.30pm," according to an internal circular issued on Tuesday. However, the public was allowed to meet ministers and officials after 3.30pm, but with prior appointment and only after undergoing screening.

The decision was taken in light of employees having raised safety concerns over "unknown" people entering the secretariat without proper safety checks. The logic of allowing the public after 3.30pm, according to officials, is that most secretariat employees will be winding up for the day and there will be less movement. "Police and security personnel will be responsible for entry of visitors," reads the order.

TOI had reported on Monday that secretariat employ ned about their safety of a ban on public entry for some