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# K'taka govt says B'luru safe, rules out lockdown for now

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## Containment Zones To Have Stricter Curbs

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**Bengaluru:** Ending all speculation, the Karnataka government on Thursday ruled out imposing a lockdown on Bengaluru or any other part of the state for now and said the city is "safe" compared to

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other metros and states.

After holding a series of meetings, chief minister BS Yediyurappa said the government also decided against imposing many stringent curbs except in containment zones and lobbed the ball into people's court, saying, "It all depends on how citizens behave. If they don't cooperate

## IT DEPENDS ON YOU, SAYS CM



Vendors leave during a sealing operation in Bengaluru on Thursday

“...It all depends on how people behave. If people don't want sealing of a city like Bengaluru, they should cooperate with the govt in curbing the infection by adhering to distancing norms —BS Yediyurappa

### Way Ahead

“The idea is to minimise the delay between diagnosis and hospitalisation. There are some gaps in managing bed position across hospitals... A digital platform is being envisaged for this —R Ashoka

(and follow safety measures), then we have no choice.”

Revenue minister R Ashoka, who took charge of Covid matters from colleague K Sudhakar, said Bengaluru will have only containment zones and areas with a large number of cases will be sealed.

Sources said the government's no-lockdown-for-now

decision is guided by two reasons: Ongoing SSLC examinations and the Centre's guidelines for Unlock 2.0 expected early next week. “As the SSLC exams have started, the question of a lockdown does not arise,” said deputy chief minister CN Ashwath Narayan.

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Yediyurappa has convened a meeting of the elected representatives of Bengaluru on Friday to seek their opinion on steps to check spread of the virus.

During the cabinet meeting, the ministers were reportedly told to wait till the SSLC exams end on July 4 before the government takes a decision on lockdown. The

In the second incident, case on June 28. Crime police registered

“A total lockdown is not a remedy in the circumstances. Ensuring a balance between perpetual growth of the economy and controlling the virus is needed,” said Dr MK Sudarshan, chairman of Karnataka State Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee. The meeting decided to exempt travellers from Tamil Nadu and Delhi from three-day institutional quarantine. However, travellers from Maharashtra will

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