

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

OrderNo.137/COVID-19/2020-21

Date:05.01.2022

COVID INSTANT ORDER –137

Sub:- HMFWD-COVID19-Steady increase of covid 19 positive cases in the recent weeks- Notification of Government and private Hospitals as Covid Hospitals- permission to District Collectors- orders issued – Reg.

- Ref:-
1. DO letter no. Z.28015/318/21-EMR dated 21.12.2021 of Government of India.
 2. G.O.R.T No.189 HM&FW(B2) Dept., dated:13.03.2020
 3. COVID Instant Order No.85, Dated:14.12.2020
 4. COVID Instant Order No.86, Dated:14.12.2020
 5. COVID Instant Order No.97, Dated:26.03.2021

Government of India in the DO letter cited at ref 1st has issued certain guidelines on the emerging threat of omicron and possible surge in the cases. Accordingly, detailed instructions issued to revamp the testing, tracing and treatment facilities in the districts.

In continuation of the instructions issued to the District Collectors from time to time, this order is issued in pursuance of the powers vested under Epidemic Disease Act-1897 and orders issued vide GO 2nd cited. The District Collectors are hereby empowered to notify any Private Hospitals, private nursing homes or private clinics or Government Hospitals in the district as Covid hospitals to provide treatment to the Covid-19 patients.

1. While notifying the private hospitals as Covid hospitals, the District Collectors are requested to appoint one senior Government Officer as nodal officer to facilitate the Covid management by the private Covid hospitals.
2. The oxygen supply shall be reviewed on daily basis and ensured that all the Covid hospitals comply to the instructions issued in maintenance of D type cylinders, Oxygen concentrators and PSA plants.
3. The fire safety measures in all Covid hospitals shall be reviewed rigorously with the fire safety and disaster management officials and all Covid hospitals shall be in compliance to the fire safety norms.

4. All the Covid Care Centres operationalized during the first second wave shall be made ready to function in all aspects (identification and allotment of staff, training of the staff, land line phones, internet facility, equipment for triaging, beds, drugs and consumables and patient amenities) for patient management.
5. The District Collectors shall ensure proper triaging facility in all Covid hospitals, CCCs and setup stand-alone triaging facilities.
6. They shall ensure proper compliance to the Government orders on charges to be collected by the private hospitals under Dr YSR Aarogyasri and persons admitted under non Aarogyasri scheme. Any deviation in the charges collected shall be addressed firmly and immediately without compromising the Government interests.
7. Flying squads shall be constituted with Police, Revenue and Health officers to find out if exorbitant charges are levied by the private hospitals over and above what is permitted and such incidents shall be dealt without any further delay.

Further, the District Collectors are requested to upload the details to Covid dashboard about the Covid hospitals notified, Nodal Officers appointed, category wise staff allotted, beds availability in each of the Covid hospital. Oxygen facility, LMO tie up, buffer stock maintenance of drugs and consumables, diet arrangements and patient basic amenities in all Covid hospitals and CCCs shall also be updated in the department portal.


Principal Secretary to the Govt.

To,

All District Magistrates & Collectors in the state.
All Joint Collector (V, WS & Development) in the state.
All DMHOs in the state.