

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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COVID Instant Order-81

Sub: COVID – implementation of certain guidelines – orders –
issued

There is a need to suppress transmission of corona virus and enforce the containment strategy vigorously to reduce positive cases. Various COVID orders were issued from time to time on contact tracing, containment operations, Home Quarantine, and treatment of persons at Hospitals, CCCs and those in Home Isolation.

The following instructions are issued to remind the District and sub district Authorities about the responsibilities under COVID management and the duties assigned, and outcomes expected in the stoppage of transmission.

A. Sample Collection :

Collectors shall Streamline sample collection and ensure that samples reach the lab within 24 hours of collecting the sample in case of RTPCR and TRUNAT samples. Detailed guidelines were already issued in COVID Order No. 58, 59 and 60 on sample collection. The same shall be followed

1. The Joint Collector (Development) shall monitor this activity everyday with the help of District Nodal Officer for sample collection.
2. Any deviation of this 24 hours norm shall be viewed seriously and JC (Development) is expected to fixup responsibility on the person responsible for such lapses. State Nodal Officer for sample collection shall monitor this activity district wise and produce the exception report for the perusal of Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare on a daily basis.
3. Guidelines were already issued regarding having a pre-fixed route plan for collection of samples from each sample collection location and bringing them to the lab. Same may be strictly followed.

A.1 Rapid Antigen test :

1. In case of Rapid Antigen Test, the test results are obtained in less than 30 minutes and the results need to be updated immediately in the app provided.

2. No test result shall be kept pending more than Three hours.
3. Any deviation of this norm shall be viewed seriously and JC (Development) is expected to fix up responsibility on the person responsible for such lapse. State Nodal Officer for sample collection shall monitor this activity, district wise and submit the exception report for the perusal of Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare.

A.2 Sample acceptance at lab:

- 1 The detailed procedure on how to label the samples in terms of priority and the procedure for accepting of sample is given in Covid Order No.61. The same shall be followed without any deviation.
- 2 It shall be ensured that no sample shall be kept pending for acceptance at the lab beyond three hours. Joint Collector (Development) with the help of in-charge for labs shall monitor this activity and fix up responsibility on the person responsible. State Nodal Officer for sample collection shall monitor this activity district wise and submit the exception report for the perusal of Commissioner Health & Family Welfare.

A.3 Result declaration at lab :

1. The lab shall make all efforts to complete the test and declare the result within 24 hours of acceptance of sample. The result shall be updated on real time basis and shall not be kept pending for updating at a later stage.
2. Joint Collector (Development) of the District shall monitor closely and any exception to the above principle may be dealt with strongly.
3. The State Nodal Officer for labs shall follow-up with all labs to ensure updating of results on real time basis and submit the exception report for the perusal of Commissioner Health & Family Welfare on a daily basis.

B. Contact tracing:

1. Every primary and secondary contact of a confirmed positive shall be traced and updated in the portal with in 48 hours of the declaration of result of the positive person. This shall be completed by 5 PM of succeeding day of declaration of positive result for a patient. Such persons shall be contacted and shall be put under home quarantine immediately.
2. Any exceptions to the above shall be monitored by the Joint Collector (Development) through the nodal officer for contact tracing. Any

- Any Division / Mandal / Village level team showing laxity in this matter shall have to be advised to be very swift.
3. There shall be two alternative teams available at District / Mandal and Village level for this activity and they may be rotated by giving rest for the alternative team every week So that they get enough rest and get reinvigorated.
 4. The WHO indicates that on an average a positive person would have met 30 persons during the course of 3 to 4 days.
 5. Hence, all efforts should be made to personally interview the positive person to find all his contacts in the last one week and identify them as primary and secondary contacts.
 6. All the primary and secondary contacts shall be kept under Home quarantine for 14 days without exception and Home Quarantine shall be monitored very rigorously by ASHA and village/ward volunteer every day.
 7. Their health condition shall be updated in the Village / Ward app provided to the volunteers. In urban areas where there are lesser number of ASHAs, the Municipal Commissioner shall undertake the exercise where in other staff from the ward secretariat or the municipality are pooled and one staff is given the responsibility of 200 households in the ward for monitoring this activity.
 8. The persons in Home Quarantine shall also be visited once in three days by the ANM of the Village / Ward to know about their Health Status.
 9. If it comes to the notice of volunteer / ASHA / ANM that any person in Home Quarantine is having breathing problems or fever or any of the other symptoms of covid they shall be immediately shifted to a COVID hospital.
 10. For monitoring this activity, for every 3 to 4 ANMs a supervisory staff shall be appointed by the PHC Medical Officer. In urban areas, the Municipal Commissioner shall in coordination with the Medical Officers appoint other staff working in the municipality to supervise the work of ANMs for this line of activity.

C. Triage :

1. Every positive person shall be triaged either at the Hospital or COVID Care Center or a standalone triaging center or by the Medical Officer and shall be treated at hospital/ CCC or at home
2. Every positive person needs to be triaged and there shall be no exception to this rule. it is preferable to do triaging at CCC or

standalone triaging center. Tele triaging may be used sparingly only under extra ordinary circumstances.

3. Joint Collector (Development) through the Nodal Officer for triaging shall monitor this activity and any exception may be immediately handled.
4. The state nodal officer for triaging may review this activity every day with the district nodal officers for triaging and all exceptions to the triaging rule i.e., persons who are not triaged beyond 24 hours of the receipt of a positive result may be brought the notice of Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare.

D. Home Isolation :

1. No Symptomatic or comorbid person shall be kept in Home Isolation, in this regard instructions given in COVID Order No.41, Dt: 28.4.2020 may be strictly followed
2. Every person in Home Isolation shall be visited by the ANM. The medical officer shall divide households in his/her jurisdiction among village / ward ANM and Sub Center ANM to ensure that every household is covered by ANM.
3. Each of the four supervisory officers available in the PHC shall be assigned three to four ANMs to monitor this activity daily. In urban areas where there is a shortage of supervisory staff Municipal Commissioner shall in coordination with the Medical Officers appoint other staff working in the municipality to supervise the work of ANMs for this line of activity.

E. COVID Care Centers:

1. Only asymptomatic or mild symptomatic shall be housed in COVID care Centers. Every person in Covid Care Center shall be medically tested at admission, their vitals shall be observed and recorded every day. Doctors shall be available round the clock in the Covid Care Centers.
2. Every admission, discharge shall be entered in the portal. The in-charge officers for every Covid Care Center shall be responsible, if the admissions and discharges are not monitored properly.
3. Any complaints on poor sanitation or complaints over food and non-availability of doctors at CCC must be immediately be redressed and persons responsible for same may be dealt with firm hands.

F. Hospitals :

1. The hospital superintendent shall ensure the information regarding admission discharges and deaths is updated on real time basis.
2. The nodal officer appointed for each hospital shall physically check and watch the CCTV feedback. The Help Desk functioning and its responsiveness shall be ensured by the Nodal Officer on priority.
3. Joint Collector (Development) shall monitor if any patient is being denied the hospital bed when beds are available in hospital and fixup responsibility and send daily exception report to the CHFV with action taken on such denials in each instance.



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To

All the Collectors & District Magistrates

All the District Joint Collectors (Development)

All the DM&HOs in the State

All the COVID Nodal Officers in the State