

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Order No. 35/COVID-19/2020

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COVID ORDER - 35

Sub: COVID-19 – SOP for Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) Cases – Conduct TRUENAT Tests / CBNAAT Tests & Isolate Positive Cases – Instructions – Reg.

It has come to notice that patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) symptoms are attending government hospitals for treatment in several districts of the State. In this connection, there is a possibility that such patients may also be COVID positive. To clear doubts, it has been decided to follow the below mentioned Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for treating SARI patients in COVID, NON-COVID and Private hospitals.

Patients with following mentioned illness are considered as SARI patients / cases.

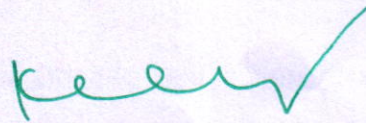
- Acute Exacerbation of COPD
- Acute severe Asthma
- Acute Exacerbation of ILD
- Acute Exacerbation of Bronchiectasis
- Severe Pneumonia / ARDS
- Acute worsening of Tuberculosis

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP):

- All the SARI cases who attend COVID, Non-COVID and other private hospitals, must be first **isolated**.
- RBS, ECG, ABG, Chest X-Ray, CBC, LFT, Serum Creatinine, D-Dimer, Troponin, Serum Ferritin, CRP should be done after admission.
- TRUENAT / CBNAAT tests must be conducted on them and treatment should be started.
- In case of patients in **COVID hospital**, if the case turns out to be COVID positive, patient should be treated in the same COVID hospital and the sample should be sent for confirmation by RT-PCR. If the case turns out to be negative, stabilize the patient and shift to NON-COVID hospital.

- In case of patients in **Non-COVID / Private hospital**, if the case turns out to be COVID positive, stabilize the patient and the sample should be sent for confirmation by RT-PCR and then patient is to be shifted to nearby District / State COVID hospital duly taking necessary precautions. If the case turns out to be negative, treatment should be provided in the same hospital.

All the District Collectors in the State are requested take necessary action and report compliance.



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To:

1. All the District Collectors
2. The Director, Medical Education
3. Commissioner, AP Vaidya Vidhan Parishad
4. Director, Health
5. The Vice Chancellor, Dr. NTRUHS
6. All the DM & HOs / DCHSs in the State