

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

Order No.36/COVID-19/2020,

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Sub: COVID-19 – Persons above 60 years – Reduction of Mortality – Certain Guidelines Communicated - Reg.

COVID INSTANT ORDER – 36

In order to reduce the mortality particularly in above 60 years old cases, it is proposed to initiate certain measures as following:

1. All the suspected cases where the age is more than 60, TruNAAT test shall be conducted immediately. If found positive, the protocol mentioned below shall be followed:
2. All the Positive cases tested by TruNAAT, shall be treated as presumptive positive cases and shall be shifted to nearest Covid Hospitals for isolation without giving any scope for intermingling with RT-PCR confirmed positive cases. For all such cases, they shall be tested for RT-PCR test next day itself.
3. In all the TruNAAT positive (presumptive positive) cases admitted in COVID hospitals, same treatment protocols already issued vide Covid instant order No.29 shall be strictly followed.
4. Further, in quarantine centres, among all the suspect cases (SARI, ILI Symptomatic, Primary & Secondary contacts of COVID positive cases) those who are more than 60 years should be separated in order to prevent them from cross contamination.
5. The following prioritization for Sample Testing be adhered to:
 - a. All TruNAAT positive cases
 - b. All the 3rd sample cases (15th day to be discharged)
 - c. All the 2nd sample cases (14th day)
 - d. Symptomatic Suspect cases.

6. At quarantine centres, all the suspects of more than 60 years may preferably be isolated separately to avoid any possible cross contamination



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To:

1. District Collectors & Magistrates
2. Medical superintendents of all government hospitals
3. Director of Medical Education, Vijayawada for Necessary Action
4. Commissioner, APVVP, Vijayawada for Necessary Action
5. Director of Health, Vijayawada for Necessary Action
6. Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare for favour of information
7. Chief Executive Officer, Dr YSR Arogyasri Health Care Trust, Guntur