

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

Order No. ~~37~~ COVID-19/2020,

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Sub: COVID-19 – SOP to shift Patients from COVID Hospitals to other Hospitals
Instructions - Reg.

COVID INSTANT ORDER - 37

The District Covid Line 2 Hospitals are to be lined up immediately as the number of cases are expected to go up in next 2-3 weeks. Therefore, all the District Collectors are requested to adopt the following Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to shift/divert the patients from the COVID Hospitals (SCH, DCH-1 or DCH-2) to other hospitals. All the COVID Hospitals are supposed to handle Covid patients only.

1. Patients from proposed COVID hospitals are to be shifted/diverted to other hospitals.
2. Wherever, segregation of certain critical (Dialysis, Deliveries) units in the Government hospital is possible, constructing a separation wall or *pucca* partition to prevent intermingling of COVID & Non-COVID, is permitted. **However, no person or staff member including sanitation/bio waste collection etc is permitted to move across the COVID & Non-COVID areas.**
3. Categorize patients specialty wise viz., maternity (OBG), Cardiac, Oncology, Pulmonology, Trauma, Nephrology and others.
4. All existing & expected maternity cases are to be moved to Government maternity hospital in the same or nearby town. If there is no such Government facility, shift/divert them to any maternity specialized Trust/Missionary hospitals (not for profit), if it has Arogyasri facility. If there is no such facility adjust them in any Arogyasri network hospitals.
5. Similarly patients of other specialties are also to be first shifted/diverted to Government institutions like Chest Hospital/ Cancer Hospital etc. If there is no such provision or institution available, patients are to be referred to Arogyasri network hospitals specialty wise. While doing so, care should be taken to assess availability

of doctors, ICU Beds and other paraphernalia to attend emergencies in the proposed Arogyasri network hospitals.

6. Finally while referring patients to private/trust hospitals, no District Covid Hospital already identified under Line 1 to Line 6 be considered for referrals.
7. Collectors are also requested to conduct COVID tests using TRUNAAT/CBNAAT/CLIA or RTPCR for contacts/Covid Symptomatic patients before referring them to other hospitals.
8. Please take immediate action & report compliance.



SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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