

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Order No.65/ COVID-19/2020,

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COVID Instant Order 65

Sub: HM&FW – COVID-19 - certain guidelines for labs - handling of samples – orders - Issued.

All the Joint Collectors (Development) in the State and Lab Incharges of COVID-19 labs are directed to implement the below mentioned guidelines labs without deviating.

- 1) All the VRDL labs and TRUENAT labs are instructed to establish Sample Receiving Counters in their lab premises for the three shifts.
- 2) Once the samples are received to labs, the personnel responsible for receiving the samples must open the boxes and check all the samples individually and immediately accept them against their sample ID number in MSS COVID Portal login provided to them.
- 3) Any sample without following proper standards like without Sample ID, without SRF and improper capping will be rejected at the Sample Collecting Counter itself physically and also in the MSS COVID Portal.
- 4) All the labs are instructed to ensure that lab testing of samples happens only for the accepted samples as entered in the MSS COVID Portal.
- 5) In the MSS COVID Portal, an option is given to download the accepted sample data details in the excel sheet format so that labs can avoid entering the same data in the excel sheets separately in the computers.
- 6) In case of entry of any wrong result for a sample, an option of correction is given to the state IDSP wing at state HQ. However, precautions must be ensured that it should be utilised sparingly.

- 7) Please refer to the COVID Order No 61, wherein it was instructed to do priority testing for the samples received with the **red strips bearing the sample ID**. Hence, all the labs are once again requested to prioritise testing for such samples in stipulated time.
- 8) In case of repeat positive (+ve) samples, all the labs are requested to enter them as repeat +ve and not as new +ve. Proper care should be taken to avoid any confusion.
- 9) Labs must ensure that real time data entry happens in MSS COVID Portal and lag of data entry should not be more than six hours between MSS COVID Portal and ICMR Portal.

The District Collectors are requested to ensure the strict implementation of above guidelines to follow in the COVID Labs.


Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt.

To
All the Collector & District Magistrates
All the Joint Collectors (Development) in the State
All the DM&HOs in the State