

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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Sub: HM&FW – COVID-19 –utilization of covid-19 rapid antigen test kit for detection of covid

Ref: Guidelines issued by ICMR dt 14<sup>th</sup> june 2020 on the usage of rapid antigen detection test – reg.

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Rapid antigen kits are being supplied to all districts. The following Guidelines are issued for utilisation of standard Q COVID -19 Ag kit (Rapid point- of -care(PoC) Antigen detection test).

- 1) They can be utilised at points of care like hospitals, specially where the suspect cases are admitted. Once tested, A positive test should be considered as true positive, which enables us to isolate such patients , start immediate treatment and to reduce the burden in the wards of the hospitals and negatives without any symptoms / mild symptoms can be sent for home isolation .All symptomatic individuals testing negatives through rapid antigen test should be confirmed with real time PCR test in VRDL labs, for further confirmation and treatment.
- 2) They can also be used to test symptomatic and high risk cases in containment zones ,same protocol may be followed as mentioned in the point 1 above , in case of positives and symptomatic negatives.
- 3) They can be used at quarantine centres to quickly segregate suspects
- 4) They can be used at hospitals to test pregnant women and others requiring surgeries. How ever all precautions including Protective equipment shall be used during any minor or major procedures even after administering the test.
- 5) They can be used to test asymptomatic positives in quarantine centres, CCC centres and hospitals before their discharge after 10 days of stay at these centres. However For all symptomatic patients TRUNAT/RTPCR shall be continued to be used for discharge purposes.



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