

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Order No. 92/COVID-19/2021,

Date:26.02.2021

Sub: HM&FW –COVID19 – Mutant variant of SARS-CoV-2-sending 5% of all RTPCR positive cases to CCMB Hyderabad- Instructions issued.

Ref: D.O No 21-1-WGS/Consortium/Epid-1 from the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. dated 24.02.2021

COVID INSTANT ORDER - 92

In the context of COVID-19 there is increasing evidence that the mutant variant of SARS-CoV-2 are in circulation in many countries and these mutant variants are driving the pandemic in their country of origin. All these variants have demonstrated increased transmissibility, as reported by World Health Organization. Many cases of mutant variants are detected in India also.

Our state is witnessing fewer fresh cases than earlier, but the threat of a rise in cases is not over and in the current COVID scenario, genomic sequencing can provide important inputs in understanding the disease transmission dynamics.

All the District Collectors are here by directed to send 5% of all RTPCR positive cases detected in their district to CCMB Hyderabad every day. If incase, the RTPCR positive cases per day are very less then, week may be taken as a unit and 5% of all the RTPCR positive cases detected during that week have to be sent to CCMB Hyderabad.

The Director of Public Health and Family Welfare is directed to personally monitor the number of samples sent from each district to CCMB Hyderabad and get the results expeditiously and report same to the Commissioner Health and Family Welfare.

All the Collectors and District Magistrates are directed to implement above COVID order strictly.

The Director Public Health is directed to monitor the sample movement and results and reports compliance. Proper documentation of test results shall be maintained.


PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To


All the Collectors and District Magistrates
The Director, Public Health & Family Welfare, Vijayawada, AP
All the DM&HOs in the state.