

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Memo No.14/COVID-19/2020

Date: 29.03.2020

Sub: HMFWD – COVID 19 -Requisitioning the premises & services of Private Medical College Hospitals & other private hospitals in the state of Andhra Pradesh- Reg.

COVID INSTANT ORDER - 14

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The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as pandemic with worldwide incidence. The WHO classified risk assessment as very high at the Global level. In exercise of the powers contained under Disaster Management Act 2005, Govt of India has declared COVID-19 as national I disaster and issued directive measures to States and UTs for containment of COVID-19 vide order no 1-29/2020-PP (P.1 II) dt 24.03.2020.

2. Further, in exercise of the powers contained under Disaster Management Act 2005 under section 10(2)1, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India has issued directive measures to states and UTs for containment of COVID-19 vide order no 40-3/2020- DM-I(A) dt 24.03.2020.

3. In exercise of the powers contained under Disaster Management Act 2005 & AP Covid Regulations 2020 respectively, Govt of Andhra Pradesh has issued directive measures to be taken by Collectors, Joint Collectors, Municipal Commissioners for containment of COVID-19 vide GO Rt no 215 dt 24.03.2020 by Health, Medical & Family Welfare Dept, Govt of AP. Govt of Andhra Pradesh has also issued an Emergency Circular dated 11.03.2020 for taking services of private hospitals.

4. Covid-19 incidence is fast transmitting from foreign travelers to their primary contacts and further to the community at large in many parts of the state. The number of positives is swelling up day by day. Hence, there is an imminent need of quick expansion of medical facilities in the State for isolation rooms, isolation beds, ventilators, testing labs, sanitized mortuaries, other medical facilities, infrastructure, material, manpower including doctors, nurses, other medical & non-medical staff. Therefore, private medical college attached hospitals & other private hospitals existing in the state are required for their services to be used in toto for Covid treatment (as given in annexure).

5. In this backdrop of circumstances of nation-wide public health emergency, Govt of Andhra Pradesh under provisions of AP Epidemic Disease (Covid) Regulations 2020 and Disaster Management Act 2005 issues following orders to-

- (1) Require private and/ or non- government medical & health institutions, authorities or persons in charge of such institutions to make available all the resources including infrastructure like isolation beds, rooms, wards, ICU premises, ventilators, testing labs, pharmacies, mortuaries, material, equipment & manpower for the purposes of emergency response, rescue and relief;

- (2) Require experts and consultants in the field of disasters to provide advice and assistance for rescue and relief;
- (3) Procure exclusive and preferential use of amenities from such institutions, authorities and persons as and when required by the state government;
- (4) Ensure that non-governmental & private organizations carry out their activities in an equitable and non-discriminatory manner;
- (5) Requiring any officer or any Department at the district level or any local authority to take such measures for the prevention or mitigation of the disaster and to effectively respond to it.
- (6) All specialists, doctors, nurses & other medical and non-medical staff deployed in govt, private and non-government hospitals shall be utilized for their services, as and when required by State and/ or District Disaster Management Authority.
- (7) All Authorized persons of such private hospitals shall abide by directions of District Collectors or authorized special Officer appointed by District Collector & Magistrate (Ex-officio DDMA) in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

In the view of above directions, all private medical college hospitals & other private hospitals are hereby directed to place their premises with all available resources & manpower at the disposal of District Collector as and when required. The orders shall come in force with immediate effect.


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To
All the Collector & District Magistrates
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All Heads/ Superintendents/ In-charge/ Authorized Persons of all categories of Private Hospitals & labs
in the state of Andhra Pradesh