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

**Order . /COVID/2020**

**30/11/2020**

**COVID INSTANT ORDER -84**

Sub: HMFWD – COVID-19 –Opening of medical colleges in the state – conduct of

classes- certain instructions –issued -reg

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The Government of India in its letter ref cited has indicated that the National Medical Commission (NMC) has noted the following:

- 1.The current batch of interns (2020) have not completed their required clinical training and unless the same is completed, they would not be eligible for appearing for the PG-NEET T exam.
- 2.The PG-NEET exam for academic year 2021-22 has been delayed, as the eligible candidates ( interns ) will be completing their training late .Their training is required to be completed at the earliest , so that the PG NEET exam for the Academic year 2021-22 can be held in accordingly.
- 3.Delay in resuming the training, would have a cascading effect on training of next PG and Super-specialty courses in the coming years.
- 4.The academic session for the fresh MBBS students' for the AY 2020-21 has already been delayed by 4 months and as the UG counseling has started it is imperative that the new MBBS session should also be initiated at the earliest.
- 5.Further, it was noted that the students today (would-be

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doctors tomorrow ) should also be familiar with the inherent threats and opportunities in health care system which they would eventually handle themselves . It should not become a missed opportunity for medical students to learn the skills of epidemic management as a public health professional.

The national Medical Commission has stated that after carefully considering all factors, the Commission recommends the following:

- a. Medical colleges across the country must re-open on or before 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 for the MBBS students already pursuing their course.
- b. The delayed new academic session for 2020-21 should commence from 1st February 2021.
- c. The new PG session for the academic year 2020-21 should begin from at least 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 and therefore the PG-NEET exam for the AY 2021-22 would need to be scheduled around March-April 2021.
- d. The Commission also noted that hospitals attached to teaching hospitals have been converted to complete COVID hospitals in several states. However, with opening of the medical colleges, and to facilitate UG training, all medical college affiliated hospitals would need to have sufficient number of beds for non-COVID patients and hence facilities for both outpatient and inpatient management for non-COVID patients must be re-started, if not already done.
- e. The Colleges shall abide with the COVID 19 reopening guidelines issued by the Competent authorities in Central/State/UT Govts. The proposed schedule of medical training commencing on or before 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 as approved by the National Medical Commission(enclosed)

Keeping in view of the best interest of medical education, and from the point of view of standardization, it is desirable that the medical colleges open at the same time in the state aligning to schedule being implemented in rest of the country. Accordingly

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and taking into consideration of guidance note issued by the NMC, The Registrar, NTR UHS will prepare the academic calendar for all and ensure in implementing it across the state.

- Director Medical education will issue necessary guidelines in facilitating UG training in all medical college affiliated hospitals with sufficient number of beds for non-COVID patients, covid patients and both outpatient and inpatient management for non-COVID patients.
- The Vice Chancellor/Registrar will issue necessary guidelines in permitting the classes, bed side teaching , practicals and tutorials duly keeping social distancing and other preventive measures
- Students shall be allowed to attend classes in staggered manner and in batch wise so as to ensure proper social distancing and follow covid protocols.
- The District Collectors are requested to make necessary arrangements, by earmarking sufficient number covid beds in all the institutions where institutional strengthening measure taken to handle the positive cases and also to manage any surge of cases in future.
- All the SOPs/guidelines with respect to social distancing and prevention of spread of epidemic issued so far as GOs, SOPs, Covid instant orders, circulars, guidelines and Memos will be followed scrupulously by all the colleges.
- Sentinel surveillance to be conducted covering the medical college students and their faculty members. Necessary provisions for selection of samples under sentinel surveillance to students, staff and faculty is made in the software.
- While covering the medical students, staff and faculty for testing, necessary care should be taken to cover all batches of medical students interns, PGs and staff in all shifts.
- 100 students, 25 faculty and 25 staff to be considered from each medical college for medical college sentinel surveillance.
- If any student/faculty/staff found positive, all containment activities shall be started with immediate effect (isolation

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of person, closure of hostel room, closure of room, active testing of all the contacts including patients, parents and other primary contacts.

- Guidelines issued in GO issued for educational institutions may be taken into consideration for further guidance.

These orders should be followed scrupulously to contain the spread of Covid19.

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