

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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COVID Instant Order-81

Sub: COVID – implementation of certain guidelines – orders –
issued

There is a need to suppress transmission of corona virus and enforce the containment strategy vigorously to reduce positive cases. Various COVID orders were issued from time to time on contact tracing, containment operations, Home Quarantine, and treatment of persons at Hospitals, CCCs and those in Home Isolation.

The following instructions are issued to remind the District and sub district Authorities about the responsibilities under COVID management and the duties assigned, and outcomes expected in the stoppage of transmission.

A. Sample Collection :

Collectors shall Streamline sample collection and ensure that samples reach the lab within 24 hours of collecting the sample in case of RTPCR and TRUNAT samples. Detailed guidelines were already issued in COVID Order No. 58, 59 and 60 on sample collection. The same shall be followed

1. The Joint Collector (Development) shall monitor this activity everyday with the help of District Nodal Officer for sample collection.
2. Any deviation of this 24 hours norm shall be viewed seriously and JC (Development) is expected to fixup responsibility on the person responsible for such lapses. State Nodal Officer for sample collection shall monitor this activity district wise and produce the exception report for the perusal of Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare on a daily basis.
3. Guidelines were already issued regarding having a pre-fixed route plan for collection of samples from each sample collection location and bringing them to the lab. Same may be strictly followed.

A.1 Rapid Antigen test :

1. In case of Rapid Antigen Test, the test results are obtained in less than 30 minutes and the results need to be updated immediately in the app provided.

2. No test result shall be kept pending more than Three hours.
3. Any deviation of this norm shall be viewed seriously and JC (Development) is expected to fix up responsibility on the person responsible for such lapse. State Nodal Officer for sample collection shall monitor this activity, district wise and submit the exception report for the perusal of Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare.

A.2 Sample acceptance at lab:

- 1 The detailed procedure on how to label the samples in terms of priority and the procedure for accepting of sample is given in Covid Order No.61. The same shall be followed without any deviation.
- 2 It shall be ensured that no sample shall be kept pending for acceptance at the lab beyond three hours. Joint Collector (Development) with the help of in-charge for labs shall monitor this activity and fix up responsibility on the person responsible. State Nodal Officer for sample collection shall monitor this activity district wise and submit the exception report for the perusal of Commissioner Health & Family Welfare.

A.3 Result declaration at lab :

1. The lab shall make all efforts to complete the test and declare the result within 24 hours of acceptance of sample. The result shall be updated on real time basis and shall not be kept pending for updating at a later stage.
2. Joint Collector (Development) of the District shall monitor closely and any exception to the above principle may be dealt with strongly.
3. The State Nodal Officer for labs shall follow-up with all labs to ensure updating of results on real time basis and submit the exception report for the perusal of Commissioner Health & Family Welfare on a daily basis.

B. Contact tracing:

1. Every primary and secondary contact of a confirmed positive shall be traced and updated in the portal with in 48 hours of the declaration of result of the positive person. This shall be completed by 5 PM of succeeding day of declaration of positive result for a patient. Such persons shall be contacted and shall be put under home quarantine immediately.
2. Any exceptions to the above shall be monitored by the Joint Collector (Development) through the nodal officer for contact tracing. Any