GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HEALTH MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Date: .07.2020

COVID Instant Order 58-A


Ref: COVID Orders No. 54 and COVID Order No.58

***

Orders were issued in COVID Order 54 and 58 regarding Targeted Testing Strategy with an aim to identify positive persons early and also do a Community Surveillance with specific cohorts. After implementing the above orders for three weeks substantial insights into the spread of infection have been obtained. Hence there is a need to finetune this strategy and hence the following orders are issued.

1. In COVID order NO.54, different categories under sentinel surveillance have been issued. Between those categories, the district collectors should increase the number of persons being tested under those categories which have shown higher positivity in the last two weeks.

2. At the State level, Data shows that Positivity is high among Fever cases, SARI and ILI cases, Persons suspected to be in close Proximity of positives under Aarogya Setu, shop keepers and Construction workers in Work Site. Hence it is instructed to conduct tests for all in first 3 categories i.e. fever cases, SARI and Aarogya Setu. Balance two categories number may be increased to 30 each.

3. The overall minimum number of people to be tested under Sentinel surveillance shall remain at 330 per day. Collectors may review this every Sunday and change the minimum target for the next two weeks based on last 2 weeks positivity among the different sub-categories under sentinel surveillance. Further every sub-category samples shall be collected from across all the parts of district ensuring that all mandals and towns are covered within two weeks period.

4. In testing as per COVID order No.58, new evidence suggests that mortality is substantial in co-morbid persons in 40-60 years group.
Hence all persons in 40-60 years age with co-morbidities shall be tested for Covid after Pulse-oxymeter test both within and Outside containment zones.

Further all primary contacts shall be tested and all symptomatic secondary contacts shall be tested within 24 hours of contact tracing.

Special Chief Secretary to Government

To
All the Collector & District Magistrates
All the DM&HOs in the State