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Commissionerate of Health and Family Welfare Services

AnandaRao Circle, Bangalore-09

No.DD/SSU/Novel Coronavirus/17/2019-20

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Sub: Ensure the isolation of suspected COVID-19 cases till the arrival of test Result

Ref: Discharge policy for suspect or confirmed Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) cases dated 17-03-2020

With reference to the above subject, when the suspect COVID-19 cases report to the First Respondent Hospital for sample collection, the sample has been collected only after receiving the approval from the office of State Special Officer (Surveillance)-COVID-19. Henceforth, it is instructed to send the sample approval forms to knlabccovid19@gmail.com.

It has been noticed that such suspected COVID-19 cases are being discharged immediately after sample collection. To prevent the possibility of transmission of the virus to the community, such cases have to be isolated in isolation wards till the results of sample have been informed.

- If the test report is **preliminary positive**, isolate the case in isolation ward till confirmatory results arrive.
- If the confirmatory test result is **positive**, then continue the procedure as per existing guidelines for COVID19 positive cases.
- If the test report is **negative**,
 - If the case is medically stable, advise for home quarantine.
 - If the case needs hospitalization for any severe condition other than COVID-19, the case can be transferred to other ward of the same hospital or refer to any other hospital.

The confidentiality of confirmed cases has to be strictly ensured.


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2. District Surgeons of all the districts
3. DHOs of all the districts
4. DSOs of all the districts

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1. The Commissioner, H&FW Services, Bengaluru
2. Mission Director- NHM, Bengaluru
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