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Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health and Family Welfare
Medical Education Division

Nirman Bhawan , New Delhi
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To

Addl Chief Secretary / Pr Secretary (ME)/Health
All States/UTs


Subject: Utilization of Services of ENT specialists/ Post Graduate Trainees for collection of COVID sample.

Madam/Sir,

You are aware that the country is in the midst of an unprecedented outbreak of Covid-19. One of the key components of our strategy to combat this outbreak is contact tracing and collection of throat and nose swab samples of potentially infected persons. There is an urgent need of trained and qualified personnel to collect these samples and the number of such persons needs to be augmented significantly.

2. All States/ UTs are therefore requested to organize collection of COVID -19 case samples by using the services of ENT Specialists and residents. The services of these professionals working in all Government/ Private Medical Colleges of the States may be drafted for this purpose.
3. Hence it is advised that all the ACS/ Principal Secretary Health/ Medical Education and Director Medical Education may issue necessary instructions to the Medical institutions to ensure action on these lines so that such samples are taken professionally.
4. All medical colleges may be instructed to get in touch with State Governments to offer their services. It is requested that necessary action in this regards may be taken urgently under report to this Ministry.

Yours faithfully,



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1. MCI with a request to instruct all medical colleges accordingly.
2. Director, Medical Education (All States/UTs)