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In pursuant of the video conference held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka, the following instructions are being issued.

1. All Deputy Commissioners shall constitute a District level **Medical Expert Committee** consisting of the experts from the fields of Anaesthesia, Pulmonary Medicine, Cardiology, General Medicine etc both from the public and private sectors to advise and guide in the management of COVID 19 cases on a **regular basis**.

2. If there is more than one COVID hospital in a city, the best prepared hospital shall be utilised first and after all the beds in that hospital are occupied patients will be sent to other hospitals.

3. A nodal officer shall be nominated by Commissioner, BBMP in case of BBMP & Deputy Commissioner in case of districts to assign hospitals to all cases found to be positive. This is to ensure that COVID positive patients are sent to appropriate hospitals depending on the severity of the disease and at the same time are not spread across many facilities. The name and contact details of such nominated nodal person shall be disseminated to all the concerned and he shall have all relevant SOP's.

4. PPE should be provided to all the hospitals both Government and Private where Health authorities have referred COVID patients for treatment. In case of Bengaluru, Dr Srinivas, Joint Director, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare (mobile 9448351437) will be responsible for providing PPE s. Similarly, Deputy Commissioners will nominate a nodal officer for their respective districts for the job.

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- 2) Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services, Bengaluru
- 3) Mission Director, National Health Mission, Bengaluru.
- 4) Deputy Commissioner, All Districts.
- 5) Director of Health & Family Welfare, Bengaluru
- 6) Director of Medical Education, Bengaluru