



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department – Antigen Test – Fixing of cost per test in Private Sector – Sanction accorded – Orders issued.

**HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Rt)No.1295/2020/H&FWD** Dated,Thiruvananthapuram,  
15/07/2020

- Read 1 Advisory issued by ICMR dated 23/6/2020  
2 G.O(Rt) No. 1236/2020/H&FWD Dated 2/7/2020

ORDER

In order to augment the testing through Private Laboratories, Government as per the ICMR guidelines had already given permission to the Laboratories and Private Hospitals to do COVID testing. Government have given permission for RTPCR, XpertNAT, TrueNAT tests and fixed the costs as per the GO read as 2nd paper above.

As per the paper read as 1st above, the ICMR has recommended rapid point of care antigen detection test for diagnosis of COVID-19. This is a point of care rapid chromatographic immunoassay for qualitative detection of specific antigens to SARS-CoV-2. The assay approved at present by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is known as “Standard Q COVID-19 Ag kit” to detect Covid -19 infection.

Government after examining the matter in detail are pleased to give permission to Private Laboratories approved by the ICMR for Antigen testing by fixing the cost at Rs.625/- per test for those Private

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Laboratories / Private Hospitals complied with the detailed guidelines for Antigen testing.

Detailed guidelines for the Antigen testing is appended as Annexure 1 and non-disclosure agreement as Annexure 2.

(By order of the Governor)  
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The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram  
All District Collectors

All District Medical Officers (through Director of Health Services)

The Drugs Controller, Thiruvananthapuram  
The I&PRD(Web&New Media) Department  
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**Annexure 1**

1. CRITERIA FOR HOSPITALS AND LABORATORIES