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Date, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020

To

1. All The Deputy Commissioner,  
Punjab.
2. All the Senior Superintendent Police,  
Punjab.
3. All The Civil Surgeons,  
Punjab.

**Subject: Regarding Testing for COVID-19 (RT-PCR) of all arrested persons as well as of prisoners before shifting from special Jails to regular jails**

Reference to the subject mentioned above and in reference to the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare, Punjab with ADGP Prisons, Punjab the following guidelines will be followed:-

1. COVID-19 RT PCR test will be done for all persons arrested by police whether symptomatic or asymptomatic as they are high risk category persons. The samples will be taken at the nearest health facility and the samples should be marked as priority and sent to Government Lab at the earliest.
2. COVID-19 RT PCR test will also be conducted for all prisoners before shifting them from Special Jails to Regular Jails. If the number of samples to be taken are 40 and above, then a medical team from the Health Department shall visit the jail to collect the samples. But if the number of samples to be taken is less than 40, then the prisoners shall be taken to the nearest sample collection center.
3. Samples shall be collected in regular working hours
4. While waiting the test result of person arrested by Police the responsibility of the custody of such person shall be of the police and such persons will not be admitted to any health facility.
5. Those who test positive for COVID-19 will be managed as per the department of health protocol.

  
Director, Health and Family Welfare Punjab

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CC to

1. The Director General Police, Punjab for information
2. The Additional Director General of Police (Prisons), Punjab for information
3. PS to Additional Chief Secretary Home Affairs, Punjab for information
4. PS to Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare for information.
5. PA to Mission Director NHM for information.
6. PA to Managing Director PHSC for information.

  
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