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To

All Civil Surgeons,  
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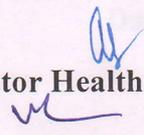
**Sub: Allowing RT-PCR testing for COVID-19 to private hospitals/clinics/Labs in the State-Regarding.**

This is with reference to the subject that with a view to strengthen screening of the population for timely detection of COVID-19 patients to contain the spread of pandemic, Department of Health and Family Welfare has decided to conduct RT-PCR testing for COVID-19 for samples sent by empanelled private hospitals/clinics and private Labs free of cost. The Civil Surgeons will empanel those private hospitals/clinics and Labs who are willing to get empanelled voluntarily for offering free of cost testing of samples sent by them as per following terms and conditions:-

- a) The private hospital/clinics and Labs should have a separate isolated area for the suspected patients of COVID-19 where sample will be taken. The person taking samples will ensure complete Personal Protective Gear.
- b) The private hospital shall arrange the required logistics and collect samples, pack them and send to the nearest Government Health facility as per protocol
- c) They shall fill in the details as per ICMR Protocol in RT-PCR App. The user name and passwords for the same shall be provided by respective Civil Surgeons for collection centers to empaneled private hospitals/clinics. The private hospitals/clinics shall send the line list generated by RT-PCR App with sample ID along with the samples.
- d) The samples sent by empaneled private hospitals/clinics shall be tested free of cost at Government Labs.
- e) The private hospitals/clinics availing this facility shall not charge more than Rs.1000/- from patients for sample collection.
- f) Private hospitals/clinics shall select the patients for testing as per ICMR criteria:-
  - i. Symptomatic international or domestic travelers
  - ii. Symptomatic contacts of lab confirmed COVID-19 patient
  - iii. Symptomatic persons coming from containment zones/hot-spots
  - iv. Asymptomatic high risk contacts of COVID-19 patient
  - v. Asymptomatic/symptomatic front line workers
  - vi. Symptomatic returnees or migrants
  - vii. ILI/SARI patients

- viii. Pregnant women
- ix. Any other category requires testing ( please specify).

- g) No emergency procedure including deliveries should be delayed for lack of test.
- h) All private hospitals/clinics and Labs empaneled as collection centers shall be linked to a RT-PCR testing Lab as per ICMR Protocol.

  
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