



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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From

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Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To

All Collector & DMs
All Municipal Commissioners
All CDM & PHOs

Sub:- Advisory for Private Labs conducting COVID Test - Reg.

Madam/Sir,

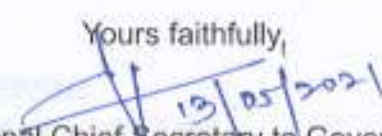
With reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that, it is being observed that some private labs are collecting swabs from residence of the suspected COVID cases to conduct RT-PCR Test and collecting high charges. There are also complaints about non submission of reports in time. In order to conduct COVID19 testing in a smooth and hassle free manner through RT-PCR method, Private Laboratories must adhere to the following advisory:

1. The authorized PHLEBOTOMIST / LT of the laboratories accredited by ICMR and permitted by the state can collect swabs from the residence abiding all guidelines. The labs will share the list of authorized persons with the District Administration & Municipal Commissioner / Collector.
2. The accredited labs can't give franchise to any other lab to collect swab samples on its behalf.
3. The labs must inform the District Administration / Municipal Commissioner about transportation of swab samples collected by it to other Districts.
4. The responsibility of providing PPE kits, gloves, Mask, Goggles, etc. to the Phlebotomist / LT lies with the laboratory. The labs can't charge extra for this.
5. The labs are responsible for the disposal of the waste as per the BMW rules.
6. The laboratories must upload the results in the ICMR portal and share it with IDSP cell and local authorities **before informing** the results to the persons found to be COVID positive.
7. The labs can charge as per the rate fixed by the Government for RT-PCR test from time to time. No extra service charges can be collected from the patient.
8. The rate chart should be prominently displayed in the lab premises and any promotional literatures / advertisement etc.

9. Any deviation / complaint will be seriously viewed and may attract penal provisions under the Odisha Clinical Establishment (Control & Regulation) Act, 1990.

You are, therefore, requested to ensure that the aforesaid stipulations are strictly followed by the Private Laboratories while conducting COVID test.


Yours faithfully,


Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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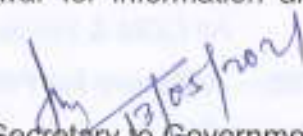
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