Letter No. 295/SSU  Dated: 18/03/20

From
Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty
Director of Public Health, Odisha

To
All Chief District Medical and Public Health officers

Sub: Maintenance of various measures to combat COVID-19.

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject, I am to say that it has been decided that the following instructions and standard operating procedures will be followed while administrating the measures to combat COVID-19,

1. All the Districts will have control room for receive the calls from the citizens who are possibly affected by COVID-19 and require medical attention. The control room will clear the doubts about the misconceptions of general citizens about the above disease and facilities available for the treatment at various levels. Similar facilities will also be available at the CHC level also. Common hygiene and sanitation, washing of hands in soap etc. should also be promoted through the call centres. The CHC in charge will be responsible for operation of the call centres from 19th March 2020.

2. IEC & BCC activities will be undertaken at various levels throughout the Districts to spread the message of prevention of spread of COVID-19.

3. The inter-Department convergence with W&CD, SSPD & PR&DW specially may be made for the above activities at the District level.

4. Training status of health workers (Male & Female), ASHA and Anganwadi Workers by the master trainers to combat Covid-19 should be reported to this office.
5. The status of stock store of different types including the medicines should also be reported.

6. The ANM & GNM training centres including the Nursing Schools running at various Districts of the State should not be closed. The classes of above institution stands suspended but they are not allowed to leave the institution and Clinical classes in IPD & OPD of the hospitals will continue as usual. If somebody is suffering, then he/she may be allowed to remain leave. The students of the above institution will be a work force at various levels for treatment and administration of preventive measures to combat COVID-19.

The above instructions should be followed meticulously and point wise compliance should be submitted on return mail within 24 hours positively.

Yours faithfully

Director, Public Health

Cc to:

All Collector & District Magistrates/ Superintendent of all Medical Colleges for kind information and necessary action.
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Dated: 18/03/2020

From
Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty
Director of Public Health, Odisha

To
The Superintendent of all Medical Colleges
Director, Medical Education and Training
Director, Health Services, Odisha, Bhubaneswar
All Chief District Medical and Public Health Officers

Sub: Increase of Para medical staffs and doctors up to 25% against the sanctioned strength and requisition of vehicles to combat COVID-19.

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject, I am to say that it has been decided that additional man power like Para medical staffs and doctors may be required to combat COVID-19 over and above the sanctioned strength and man in position available including the vehicles for movement and coordination.

In view of the above if required, you are authorised to engage Para medical staffs and doctors up to 25% against the sanctioned strength at your level and report compliance to this office for record. For requirement of vehicles, you are requested to submit requisition of vehicles of different types to Collectors and District Magistrate. The fund for the above purpose will be meet out of State Public Health Fund.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

Director, Public Health

Cc to:

All Collectors and District Magistrate for information and necessary action.
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, ODISHA

Letter No 235 / Dated 04/03/20

To,

The Principal Secretary to Govt.,
Health & Family Welfare Department

Sub:- Regarding formation of State & District Crisis Management Committee

Sir,

I am to inform you that till date only travel related cases have been reported in India. But with the reported rising cases / death in country like Iran, South Korea & Italy etc and simultaneously spread into 75 countries – there is a need to plan for the next step i.e., containment of local spread / clustering cases etc.

As per the GoI, action plan for cluster containment – there need be in place institutional mechanism and intersectoral coordination. So it is proposed that

At State Level
State crisis management committee / State Empowered Committee

Composition
Chief Secretary – Chairman
Development Commissioner – Member
Principal Secretary, Home Department – Member
Principal Secretary, PR Department – Member
Principal Secretary, Health & F.W Department – Member
Principal Secretary, W&CD Department – Member
Principal Secretary, M&SE Department – Member
Principal Secretary, Fisheries Department – Member
Principal Secretary, SC & ST Department – Member
Mission Director, NHM – Member
Managing Director, OSMCL – Member
Director of Medical Education & Training, Odisha – Member
Director of Health Services, Odisha – Member
Director of Public Health, Odisha – Member Convenor
Director, SIHFW, Odisha – Member

The committee will take policy decision for containment measures from time to time. State should review the existing legal implements to implement the containment plan. Some of the Act & rules for consideration should be (i) Disaster