

**DIRECTORATE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING, ODISHA**  
(Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Odisha)

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**ORDER**

It is observed that there has been an increase in no. of COVID-19 infection among health care workers in hospitals in current times. Health Care Workers (HCWs) are not only at higher risk of infection but can also amplify outbreaks within health care facilities if they are infected. Identifying and managing health care workers (HCWs) who have been exposed to a health care transmission and protecting staff and vulnerable patients in health care settings needs special attention. Hence, infection prevention and control practice in hospital settings is of paramount importance. This bestows a high level personal responsibility and accountability. The promoter and/or the management of private hospitals also owe responsibility for implementation of the infection prevention and control measures (IPC).

Accordingly now Health and Family Welfare Department of Govt. of Odisha frame the following guidelines to be strictly followed as a measure for infection prevention and control measures (IPC) in the health care facilities in the State.

1. All hospitals shall follow the advisory for managing Health Care Workers working in COVID-19 and Non-COVID areas of the hospital issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of Health Services(EMR Division) Dated 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 ([https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/advisory\\_for\\_managing\\_Health\\_Care\\_Workers\\_working\\_in\\_COVID-19\\_and\\_Non-COVID\\_areas\\_of\\_the\\_hospital](https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/advisory_for_managing_Health_Care_Workers_working_in_COVID-19_and_Non-COVID_areas_of_the_hospital)).

2. All private hospitals shall ensure that completion of training on IPC within seven days and must submit a certificate that all their staff are trained in and are following the prescribed infection prevention and control measures (IPC) required during the present COVID-19 pandemic.
3. All the private hospitals must submit the name of nodal officer with his / her phone number and e-mail address to the Director of Public Health, Odisha. ([dph.orissa@gmail.com](mailto:dph.orissa@gmail.com))  
All hospitals shall establish a dedicated fever clinic and reserve an isolated area for management of suspected / confirmed cases of COVID-19. This area shall be managed by dedicated staff who shall not be deployed in other areas of hospital.
4. No patient who is COVID-19 positive shall be transferred to dedicated COVID-19 hospitals unless being stabilized and transportable. Referral and transfer shall be done only with intimation to and confirmation from the referred hospitals.
5. No public conveyance shall be allowed for transportation of COVID-19 patients. The patients shall be transported in a dedicated ambulance with use of recommended PPE by the staffs. After transportation the vehicles must be sanitized.
6. All the cases of ILI, SARI / suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 must be mandatorily notified to the District / Local Urban Body / State Public Health Authority or IDSP Cell.
7. The cost of Management of Health Care Workers who contact COVID-19 infection during the course of their duty in any Private hospital will be borne by the concerned hospital. (Save those who are working with Govt. as a part of COVID care).

8. The hospital will allow any authorized person by the Govt. for inspection, review, advice on remedial measures and access to the hospital records.

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