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HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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From

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To

Superintendent, all Government Medical Colleges & SVPGIP
All CDM&PHO
All Collector & District Magistrates
All Commissioner, Municipal Corporation

Sub: Preparedness on COVID 19 Management in children

Madam/Sir,

Considering the reported surge/rising trend in the incidence of infection in paediatric age group in different parts of the country, the State desires to consolidate it's preparedness to meet the future challenges in the management of children affected by COVID 19. In this context, it is directed that all the DCHC and DCH in the State are to follow the following guidelines.

- I. All the DCHC and DCH will create a designated "Paediatric Covid Wing" within the existing facilities to start with. 15% of beds in the Isolation ward, HDU & ICUs may be kept reserved for this purpose to support neonates, infants and other paediatric age groups, which can be increased by addition of beds to this pool, depending on the future.
- II. Also earmarking of COVID19 newborn unit in existing SNCU/ NICU may be done with strict isolation and infection prevention & control measures.
- III. Necessary logistics and consumables and other requirements to this effect are to be estimated and kept reserved and indents may be placed to OSMCL.
- IV. Updated Protocol for Management of Covid - 19 in the Paediatric Age Group issued by Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (**Enclosed**) shall be followed strictly.
- V. One of the parents may be allowed to remain as an attendant. This may be considered on case to case basis and the caregiver parent shall be adequately counselled on Covid appropriate behaviour, such as personal hygiene, hand washing, use of hand sanitiser and use of mask etc.
- VI. SVPGIP, Cuttack will act as the nodal centre for monitoring and provision of technical input to treating paediatrician in other parts of the State. The Superintendent of SVPGI, Cuttack will form a technical group, who will be available to treating Physician/ Paediatricians/Intensivists/Paediatric

anaesthesiologist across the State over phone, mobile, WhatsApp for technical inputs, whenever needed.

- VII. All Private Hospitals and Hospitals run by Corporate Houses/NGOs/Missionaries/ Philanthropic organizations are also required to create such facilities
- VIII. All hospitals dealing with Paediatric patients must create one dedicated counselling centres, where the parents can be counselled and be shared with information about the status of the patients.
- IX. To start with, arrangement will be made to manage by the existing trained staff available in the State. A pool of trained manpower will be created in all Medical Colleges Hospitals and DHHs by imparting handhold training in ICUs/PICUs/NICUs and after training, their services can be utilized.

Yours faithfully,


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Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.