



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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From

Shri P.K. Mohapatra, IAS,  
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

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All Collector & DMs  
All Municipal Commissioners,  
Director Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar  
All Superintendents, Government medical Colleges  
All CDM&PHOs

**Sub:- Preparedness on COVID-19 management for paediatrics population for possible 3<sup>rd</sup> wave-Reg.**

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that the children in age group of 0-18 are yet to be vaccinated. As per the prediction of the public health experts, there is possibility of increased incidence of COVID-19 cases amongst the population of this age group in the eventuality of a 3rd wave of COVID-19.

The State needs to be in full preparedness for capacity building for managing high number of cases expected during the predicted 3rd wave of the pandemic by adopting following measures:-

- For effective monitoring and supervision, a District Level Task Force shall be constituted under the Chairmanship of Collector and DM and other members being CDM & PHO, District Public Health Officers, Sr. Paediatric Specialist, Anesthesia Spl., WHO/UN officials and any other co-opted members. This committee will regularly do the gap analysis, monitor & take steps for remedial action. **The respective Collectors of the Districts shall take a meeting in this regard within a week.**
- All paediatric cases of ILI/SARI need to be listed and swab collection of children of 0-18 age group shall be ensured for RT-PCR testing to screen out suspected positive cases in all health care facilities across the State.
- Non-availability of RT-PCR report will not be a criteria for not admitting a sick deserving patient.
- 50% of existing ICU, PICU, NICU may be isolated and earmarked for use to manage Paediatric COVID cases. Steps will also be taken for upgrading the capacity.

In view of the above, you are requested to take immediate necessary steps in this regard and to remain in readiness in order to tackle the expected 3<sup>rd</sup> wave towards the Paediatric Covid Care.

Yours faithfully,

  
12/08/2021  
Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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Copy with forwarded to MD, NHM, Odisha / MD, OSMCL, Bhubaneswar / all Directors under Health & FW Department / State Representative, WHO and UNICEF, Odisha for information and necessary action.

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Deputy Secretary to Government

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Deputy Secretary to Government

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Deputy Secretary to Government

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