

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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To All Collectors
All Municipal Commissioners
All CDMO & PHOs

Sub:- Streamlining Covid testing process in the State.

Madam/Sir,

Due to the present surge in Covid-19 cases in the State, it is essential that all Covid suspect persons are tested timely and quick action is taken for isolation of positive cases. It is seen that in many districts the protocols are not being observed due to which there is delay in testing and isolation of affected persons. In view of this, it is reiterated that the following points be strictly observed at district level:

1. Covid Appropriate Behaviour should be ensured at Sample Collection Centres where Covid suspect persons gather for testing. Social distancing and use of mask is to be enforced.
2. All persons who have given sample for testing should be asked to quarantine themselves till the result is known.
3. RT-PCR samples should be dispatched from district to the laboratory on the same day of collection.
4. The number of RTPCR samples sent by the districts in a day should be within the target allotted for the district, to prevent backlog of samples in laboratories and delay in testing.
5. District teams should check results of testing, which is received from laboratories via email, several times a day.
6. All persons should be informed of the result of testing at the earliest and positive cases isolated immediately.

The above points have also been discussed during the review of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha and should be adhered to without deviation.

Yours faithfully,


Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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Copy forwarded to all Special Secretaries, Health &FW Department/ all Directors of Health & FW Department / all Laboratories undertaking Covid Testing for information and necessary action.


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