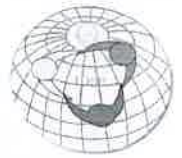




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Letter No. 910/SSU

Dated 28/11/23

From

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To

The Director Capital Hospital & PGIMER, Bhubaneswar
The Director RGH, Rourkela
All the Chief District Medical & Public Health Officer

Sub: Regarding increase in surveillance for ILI / SARI

Sir / Madam,

Enclosed please find herewith the letter of DGHS & in view of recent surge in respiratory illness among children in China, necessary preventive & medical counter measures to be followed meticulously as detailed below:

- Increase the surveillance for ILI / SARI, report in IHIP portal & identify clusters
- Increase lab testing for COVID-19 both RT PCR & RAT
- Fever clinic should be functional as per guideline issued earlier
- Oxygen facility, ICU / HDU / oxygen supported beds to be kept in readiness
- Ensure availability of hospital beds, drugs, VTM & other logistics
- In suspected cases of viral pneumonia with COVID-19 negative then samples can be sent to RMRC, BBSR for viral panel testing for respiratory pneumonia
- Ensure Infection Control Practices in health facilities
- Increase IEC / BCC for use of mask, hand hygiene & self isolation for ARI cases
- Ensure sensitization & training of Human resources
- RT PCR positive cases are to be sent to RMRC / ILS for WGS.

Yours faithfully,

Memo No. 911 / Dt. 28/11/23

Director of Public Health, Odisha

Copy submitted to the DMET, Odisha / DHS, Odisha / Director, RMRC, BBSR for favour of information and necessary action.

Memo No. 912 / Dt. 28/11/23

Director of Public Health, Odisha

Copy submitted to the Mission Director, NHM, Odisha for favour of kind information.

Memo No. 913 / Dt. 28/11/23

Director of Public Health, Odisha

Copy submitted to the Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt. Health & FW Dept. Odisha for favour of kind information.

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Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware that India has a robust system for monitoring & responding to public health threats emerging anywhere in the World. The recent media reports of a surge in respiratory illness among children in China in the recent weeks were also noted and necessary action initiated. As per the information presently available, the increase in respiratory illness is mainly among children and due to usual causes like Influenza, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, SARS-CoV-2 etc.

While the available information suggests that there is no cause for any alarm in India, this is an opportunity to review the public health and hospital preparedness in the States. This calls for, inter-alia, ensuring availability of requisite HR, hospital beds, testing, medical counter measures and the infection control practices in health facilities.

From a surveillance perspective, monitoring the implementation of 'Operational Guidelines for Revised Surveillance Strategy in context of COVID-19' – shared earlier this year – is an essential component of review and must be done at a senior - preferably at your level. It should also be ensured that the health facilities including private facilities and medical college hospitals, report cases of ILI and SARI on IDSP-IHIP and this reporting is closely monitored through the district and State surveillance units of IDSP.

I am sure that our proactive approach to public health preparedness and pre-emptive actions at all levels would ensure that we are able to deal with any threat in the future.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Atul Goel)

To:-

The Mission Directors of NHM (all States/UTs)

Copy for information to:-

The IDSP State Surveillance Officers (all States/UTs)