



Government of Karnataka

Department of Health & Family Welfare

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Sub: Establishment of "Fever Clinics" for screening COVID-19 cases.

The World Health Organization declared COVID 19 as a global pandemic in March 2020. India has undertaken several measures including lockdown 1.0 to 4.0 to contain the spread of the disease. Karnataka State is fighting the COVID 19 pandemic on a war footing.

The lockdown process is being eased in a gradual, step wise manner and travel between districts, states and countries through multiple modes have also opened up. At this juncture, it is necessary for undertaking meticulous health screening and quarantine in a decentralized manner to ensure COVID prevention in addition to the other personal and administrative measures undertaken.

In this regard, there is a need for increasing the number of "Fever Clinics" for screening, swab collection and referral of Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) cases.

"Fever Clinics" to be established at all District Hospitals/District Level Hospitals and Taluk Level Hospitals where in all fever cases should be screened 24/7 in separate area and ILI/SARI cases to be subjected for swab testing. The private institutions in the corporation areas should also be designated as Fever Clinics.

100% of Community Health Centers (CHC), 50% of Primary Health Centers (PHC) and Urban Primary Health Centers(UPHC) to be converted as exclusive "Fever Clinics" to screen fever cases for ILI/SARI during working hours. Remaining 50% of PHC/UPHC to cater Non COVID 19 cases. (24x7 PHCs to be continued for providing non Covid services).

All Health institutions need to have separate entry and exit for COVID & Non Covid services.

All "Fever Clinics" should be swab collecting centers and utilize the services of existing Lab Technician/Staff Nurse. The fever clinics should have proper arrangement of swab collection by way of booth/ room. The detailed booth type swab collection centre is put in annexure. Also, the remaining PHCs which are not fever clinics shall upload the details of ILI/ SARI cases in fever clinic portal for better follow up. Dedicated vehicle to be provided by district administration for collecting and transport of samples to Testing facilities. Programmers, E-Health working at districts to create and provide the Username and Passwords to "Fever Clinics" and monitor regular reporting in online portal. "Fever Clinics" to report cases referred from "Apthamithra" and to follow-up missed cases and also follow up of persons who have visited fever clinic, but not referred for swab collection/testing.


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