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Department of Health and Family Welfare  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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Dear Colleague,

RMNCAH+N services are amongst the most crucial interventions to address maternal and child morbidities and mortalities. The COVID-19 pandemic has demanded additional attention of our healthcare system and it is vital that during this period the essential RMNCAH+N services are not affected. Each State/UT needs to ensure access to these services in order to avert the increased risk of morbidities, unwanted pregnancies and mortalities thereby ensuring the health and well being of mothers and children.

Government of India has formulated the guidelines on "Enabling Delivery of Essential Health Services during the COVID 19 Outbreak" dated 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 for ensuring RMNCAH+N services. Further to provide States/UTs with more detailed guidelines on provision of these services at different levels in the Containment and Buffer Zones and beyond these Zones, a detailed guidance note has also been prepared.

The States/UTs are requested to initiate all steps to ensure provision of guidance note. There must not be any denial of these essential RMNCAH+N services to the target groups.

I hope that under your dynamic leadership, we would be able to continue to provide these essential RMNCAH+N services to all women, children and adolescent and ensure their good health and wellbeing.

Encl: as above.

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Yours sincerely,  
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