



**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

No: HFW 276 ACS 2020

Karnataka Government Secretariat,  
Vikasa Soudha,  
Bengaluru, Date: 29.07.2020.

**ORDER**

Sub: Constitution of "Expert Committee" at State/District/Zonal (BBMP) level for supervision of COVID-19 Hospitals.

- Ref: 1. Directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Suo-Motu Writ Petition (civil) No 7 of 2020 dated 19-6-2020.  
2. Letter from Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, dated 26.6.2020.

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State is experiencing COVID-19 outbreak since last four months. State has established three tier health care systems to cater to the clinical needs of COVID-19 patients as per the severity of disease.

Inspection, monitoring & supervision, and guidance to hospitals is needed for optimum functioning by using the resources in the best possible way and to provide quality of care to patients. In suo-motu writ petition (civil) No 7 of 2020 Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has issued directives to all State Governments and Union Territories to constitute an Expert Committee. In the background of this directive, State Government has decided to establish BBMP Committee for Bengaluru and District Level Committees in Districts for regular inspection, monitoring, supervision and guidance to government and private hospitals that are providing care to COVID -19 patients. Further a State Level Committee is also constituted to guide, coordinate and monitor the implementation of the Hon'ble Court's directions.

**1. State Level Committee shall be as follows:**

Sl. No.	Details of the Experts	Designation
1.	Dr. N. Manjunath, Director Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology, Bengaluru	Chairman
2.	Dr Sudarshan Ballal, Head of Manipal Hospitals, Karnataka	Member
3.	Dr Nagaraj, Director Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases(RGICD), Hospital, Bengaluru	Member
4.	Dr. Ivona Lobo, Director and incharge Dean Professor of Pulmonology, ESI Medical College, Kalaburgi	Member

5.	Dr. Pratima Murthy, HOD, Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS	Member
6.	Dr. M.K. Sudarshan, Public Health Expert	Member
7.	Dr Asish Sathpaty, Regional Team Leader(RTL) / Dr.Lokesh Alhari, Sub regional Team Leader(SRTL), WHO, Karnataka	Member
8.	Dr Pradeep Rangappa, Intensivist, Coloumbia Asia Hospital, Bengaluru	Member
9.	Dr. Smitha Bhat, Professor of Medicine, Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore.	Member
10.	Dr. Suresh Shapeti, PHFI, Bangalore	Member
11.	Dr. Patil Om Prakash, Director, Health and Family Welfare Services, Government of Karnataka	Member Secretary

**2. BBMP Committee:**

Sl.No	Details of the Experts	Designation
1.	Commissioner, BBMP	Chairman
2.	Professor / HOD of General medicine of government or private medical college/an eminent Physician	Member
3.	Professor / HOD of community medicine/senior public health specialist	Member
4.	Professor / HOD of Respiratory medicine/ senior pulmonologist	Member
5.	Professor / HOD of Anesthesia / Senior Intensivist	Member
6.	President of the Association of Physicians of India	Member
7.	WHO /UNICEF representative	Member
8.	Representative of Prominent NGO working for COVID-19	Member
9.	An eminent personality working for COVID -19	Member
10.	Special Commissioner, BBMP	Member Secretary

**3. For the Districts, District Level Committee shall be as follows:**

Sl.No.	Details of the Experts	Designation
1.	Deputy Commissioner	Chairman
2.	President, District Indian Medical Association	Member
3.	Professor / HOD of General medicine of government or private medical college/ an eminent Physician	
4.	Professor / HOD of Community Medicine/Senior Public Health Specialist	Member
5.	Professor / HOD of Respiratory medicine/ Senior Pulmonologist	Member
6.	Professor / HOD of Anesthesia / Senior Intensivist	Member
7.	WHO /UNICEF representative	Member

8.	Representative of Prominent NGO working for COVID -19	Member
9.	A eminent personality working for COVID -19 in the district	Member
10.	District Health Officer	Member Secretary

**Scope and functions of BBMP/District Level Committees:**

1. The BBMP / District Level Committees shall periodically inspect, supervise, guide and issue necessary directions to all hospitals taking care of COVID patients. The Expert committee shall ensure that at least one visit in each hospital be done weekly.
2. The Committees shall send their inspection reports to Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Health & Family Welfare Department.
3. During the visit, Committee shall inspect and verify the Isolation Wards, ICU, case papers & other records. In addition to this, it will also examine CCTV footage. Where there is no CCTV facility, hospital shall install CCTV and provide footage to the Committee.
4. The above team may in addition to normal inspection may also conduct surprise visit to assess the preparedness of the hospitals.
5. The Committee shall ensure stringent implementation of the admission and revised discharge policy of the Government of Karnataka that is issued from time to time in all COVID hospitals.
6. It shall ensure that information about hospital beds and other patient related services are appropriately displayed in the hospital reception using a LED display system
7. It shall ensure that a report of COVID-19 testing is given to the patients
8. It shall ensure that a helpdesk is functional in the reception area
9. It shall ensure the earmarking of the designated area and arrangement for one patient attender who is willing to stay in hospital premises.
10. The committee shall ensure that all COVID hospitals are following reasonable rates for various COVID related facilities, tests, etc, as notified by government of Karnataka from time to time.
11. To ensure that dead bodies are handled in a dignified manner and the relatives have no complaints in this regard.
12. Committee shall examine the duty rosters and safety measures for healthcare workers are followed.
13. The State Level Committee shall continuously be in touch with the district level committees and guide them in carrying out their duties and responsibilities as per orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
14. Any other aspect the committee considers important.
15. The concerned authorities shall ensure the corrective measures taken as per recommendations given by the committee.

All Deputy Commissioners and BBMP Commissioner shall notify the formation of the Committee with member details and it should be communicated to Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare and Principal Secretary, Medical Education Dept. within three days of receipt of this Order.

Circular No: HFW 266 ACS 2020 dated 24.07.2020 on constitution of "Medical Experts Committee" at district level for supervision of COVID-19 hospitals is hereby withdrawn.

*Jawaid 29/7/20*  
(JAWAID AKHTAR)

Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Health and Family Welfare Department

To:

- 1) Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru
- 2) All Deputy Commissioners
- 3) All Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Panchayat
- 4) Director, Health & Family Welfare Services, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru.
- 5) Director, Medical Education Department, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru.
- 6) Dr. N. Manjunath, Director Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 7) Dr Sudarshan Ballal, Head of Manipal Hospitals, Karnataka
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- 13) Dr. Suresh Shapeti, PHFI, Bangalore
- 14) Dr. M.K. Sudarshan, Public Health Expert, Bengaluru
- 15) Special Commissioner, BBMP WHO/UNICEF Representative
- 16) All District Surgeons / All District Health and Family Welfare Officers
- 17) All Dean and Directors of Government Medical Colleges
- 18) District President, Indian Medical Association
- 19) Officers concerned.

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