



**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

No. HFW 264 ACS 2020

Karnataka Government Secretariat  
Vikasa Soudha  
Bengaluru, dated 24.07.2020

**ORDER**

Subject: Refixation of rates for RT-PCR testing and Rapid Antigen Testing.

Reference : (1) Circular No. HFW 74 ACS 2020, dated 31.3.2020  
(2) Circular No. HFW 89 CGM 2020, dated 17.4.2020

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Vide Circular at reference (1) above, the maximum cost of COVID-19 testing fixed by the ICMR using RT-PCR technique vide Order F.No.Z.28015/23/2020-EMR, dated 21.3.2020 was re-circulated. Vide Circular at reference (2) above, the total testing cost of Rs.2,250/- per sample was fixed by the State Government including the screening test and confirmatory test, for the samples referred by the State Government. The Task Force Committee has now reconsidered the issue of fixation of rates for RT-PCR and Rapid Antigen Testing to be charged by the private laboratories and has ordered to fix the rate of COVID-19 testing as follows :

- (i) Rate of RT-PCR testing for the samples sent by Government in private laboratories including screening test and confirmatory test - Rs.2,000/- per test inclusive of the cost of PPE kit.
- (ii) Ceiling rate for private samples in private laboratories including screening test and confirmatory test - Rs.3,000/- per test inclusive of the cost of PPE kit.
- (iii) Rate of Rapid Antigen Test for private samples in private laboratories – Rs.700/- per sample inclusive of PPE kit.

Testing can be done only in the ICMR approved laboratories and all other conditions laid down by the ICMR and the State Government shall apply.

*(Jawaid Akhtar)*  
(Jawaid Akhtar) 24/7/20

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**To:**

1. Commissioner, BBMP
2. Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services, Bengaluru.
3. Mission Director, NHM, Bengaluru.
4. All Deputy Commissioners
5. All CEOs of ZPs.
6. Director, H & FWS, Bengaluru
7. Director, Medical Education Department
8. All District Health and Family Welfare Officers / All District Surgeons