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Sub: Categorization of the sample collected for COVID-19 testing, on basis of priority – reg.

As per the Government Order issued for testing of COVID-19 following categories are being tested:

- International travel contact
- Primary contacts and secondary contacts (symptomatic and asymptomatic)
- Suspected death cases
- SARI
- ILI patients in containment zone
- ILI patients in other areas
- Symptomatic health care workers
- Others

To make the testing process more effective categorization of the sample sent by the various districts has been based on the epidemiological priority.

In view of the above situation the districts sending samples to various labs, henceforth need to ensure that the samples are collected and sent in different boxes, labeled as **A, B and C** which are to be categorized in the following manner:

- a) Suspected death cases, follow up positive sample of primary contacts and secondary contacts (symptomatic and asymptomatic), symptomatic healthcare workers and SARI cases.
- b) ILI patients on containment zones and ILI patients in other areas.
- c) Others.

The district administration needs to ensure that the samples are sent in the above mentioned code. CEO, ZP/DSOs of the districts will be nodal officers for collection and sending the samples.

The outer time limit for testing of A, B, C samples after receiving these at the labs are as follows:

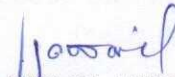
A - 12 hours

B - 24 hours

C - 24-48 hours

The sample collection center and labs are using RT-PCR app and ICMR web portal for data entry.

Mapping of districts with labs has already been communicated to the testing labs as well as the districts.



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To:

- 1) All Laboratories testing COVID-19.
- 2) Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru.
- 3) Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services, Bengaluru.
- 4) Mission Director, National Health Mission, Bengaluru.
- 5) All Deputy Commissioners.
- 6) All Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Panchayat.
- 7) Director of Health & Family Welfare, Bengaluru
- 8) Director of Medical Education, Bengaluru
- 9) Dean & Directors of all Govt. & Private Medical Colleges.
- 10) All District Health Officers / All Dist. Surgeons.
- 11) All District Surveillance Officers