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Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru -09

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas the state has been affected with an outbreak of COVID-19 disease and taking up an epidemic proportion causing lot of sufferings of the people leading on to higher morbidity and mortality.

In order to mitigate the impact of the new disease of COVID-19 among the population the Government of Karnataka invoked the sections 2, 3 & 4 of Epidemic Disease Act 1897 (Central Act 3 of 1897 & Mysore Act II of 1897) under section 16 of the Hyderabad Infectious Disease Act, 1950 (Hyderabad act XII of 1950) and has framed The Karnataka Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) Regulations 2020.

The state level Technical Expert Committee formed an opinion that Influenza like Illness (ILI) and Severely Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) cases which have got similar symptoms of COVID-19 should be screened at the initial stages of symptoms so that morbidity and mortality due to COVID-19 can be arrested in the community.

Therefore, by invoking the provisions of sub-section (ix) of section 12 of the COVID-19 regulations the following measures are contemplated in the state in order to check the further spread of COVID -19 disease.

- 1. The Chemists/Druggists and Pharmacies in hospitals shall make an entry of all the persons with name, address, land mark and mobile number who are provided the following drugs over the counter.
- 2. The drugs are broadly categorized as pertaining to the treatment of symptoms like- fever (Antipyretics and Anti-inflammatory), cold (Anti-allergic) and cough (Anti-tussive).
- 3. The drugs could be Paracetamol, Paracetamol of all dosage and strength, cetirizine, Chlorpheniramine etc., and all types of Cough syrups. The above said drugs either individually or in any combination are included.
- 4. The chemists/Druggists shall report such cases to the respective District Health authorities on daily basis and are subject for verification of the records by the District Health officers, or his representatives.

These regulations shall come into force immediately and shall remain valid till outbreak COVID-19 ends.

OMATI Director Health & Family Welfare Services

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