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COMMISSIONERATE Health & Family Welfare Services

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Official Memorandum

Subject: Covid 19 – Monitoring the purchase of home-based self-test kits at Point of sale: Regarding.

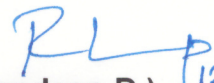
Reference: Proceedings of 192nd meeting of State Covid 19 Technical Advisory Committee, Dated: 4th Jan 2023.

The Covid 19 situation in the State is fairly under control with daily incidence of cases ranging between 30 and 40. But, it has come to the notice that some of the general public are purchasing the home-based self-test kits from pharmacies Or online and the results of these tests are not captured through any mode, leading to under reporting of the cases which in turn may cause local spurts of Covid 19 cases.

Though, the procedure to enter the results of the home based self-test kits is available on the outer carton box of the kits, majority of those utilizing the kits are not complying with the same.

Hence, it is necessary to monitor the sales of such kits at the point of sale (both offline & online) by collecting name, address, and mobile number of the buyer, so that the buyer shall be contacted by the local health authorities for the result of the test. The buyers / users shall be counseled through mass media (print and electronic) about the importance of entering the test result in the ICMR portal.

A consolidated report on the purchase of home based self-test kits by public at various sales points should be submitted to the undersigned on fortnightly basis so that the Covid situation in the State is monitored closely in the interest of Public Health.


(Randeep D.) 12.01.2023

Commissioner

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4. The Deputy Commissioners of all districts
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1. The Chief Secretary, GoK
2. The Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Services, GoK
3. The Chief Commissioner – BBMP, Bengaluru
4. PS to Hon'ble Minister for HFW and Medical Education.

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