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No: COMM/TASK FORCE-PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE/2020-21

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BBMP Task Force on COVID-19 Public Health Response

This task force aims to enable BBMP to execute COVID-19 related response to decrease COVID transmission and mortality in Bengaluru Urban District

Objectives:

1. Evolve Containment strategy for the ongoing Covid -19 Outbreak to flatten the surge in cases
2. To mount quick and adequate Public Health Response to save lives
3. Regular Review and monitoring of field implementation to intervene appropriately and ensure mid-course corrections
4. Improve Risk Communication and improve community involvement
5. Offer advice and solutions to ensure the preparedness of BBMP and its health centers for COVID management
6. Prepare specific scientific positions and provide input to public communications as applicable

Key Areas of Action

1. Early case identification and detection–
 - a. Awareness and Empowering Bengaluru citizens regarding COVID19 including testing as soon as they have symptoms.
 - b. Ramping up testing: Sample testing needs to be fast-tracked and the result shared within 24 hours.
 - i. Streamlining Rt-PCR Testing Labs
 - ii. ICMR Portal data entry and result sharing with patient and health system.
 - iii. Rapid antigen Testing in all urban PHCs with focus on symptomatic ILI/SARI, Vulnerable population and target group of front-line warriors
2. Surveillance and Coordination of Contact Tracing: Urban PHC should be made Unit for this activity who would report to Zonal MOH, who in turn reports to DSO BBMP. Ward level committees can help in this process.
 - a. Put a systematic process in place for reporting of suspected COVID cases through strengthening ILI / SARI surveillance in all institutions.
 - b. Urban PHCs local staff (Link workers, ASHA) to trace contacts supported by all the additional staff and volunteers
 - c. Containment activities after detection of any case in an area should again be led by the Urban PHC supported by Police and administration

- d. Fever and ILI survey in Containment Zone (daily) and Buffer Zone (on alternate days).
- e. Enforcement of Masks, Social distancing, and Handwashing, avoiding 3 Cs by local squads
3. Isolation and clinical care: Segregation at Urban PHC level
 - a. Home isolation.
 - b. Seamless process of patient transport, admission to CCC, or Home isolation through triage at UPHC level.
 - c. Tracking and coordination from the Zonal level.
 - d. Covid Care Centers at every Ward.
 - e. Online Portal for bed allocation for moderate to severe cases and tracking this process
4. Treatment and care cum Death Audit: Separate group to review the treatment and care including guidelines and review all deaths in BBMP / Bangalore.
5. Contact tracing and Community partnership.
 - a. Ward level Task Force linked to Zonal Task Force and BBMP Task Force.
 - b. Select volunteers for contact tracing and containment.
 - c. Risk communication at ground level
6. Media engagement and advocacy
 - a. Risk communication.
 - b. Media advocacy and engagement.
 - c. Social Media and other platforms.

Frequency of Meeting: Alternate-day initially (virtually or physically), later Once or Twice a week

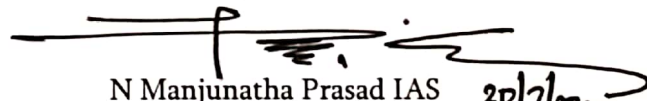
Taskforce Members:

- Chair: Shri Manjunatha Prasad IAS, Commissioner, BBMP.
- Co-Chairs:
 - Shri D Randeep IAS, Special Commissioner, BBMP.
 - Dr Giridhara R Babu, Professor, Head- Lifecourse epidemiology, IIPH, PHFI, Bengaluru.
- Member secretaries:
 - Dr Vijayendra, Chief Health Officer - Public health, BBMP.
 - Dr Nirmala Buggi, Chief Health Officer - Clinical, BBMP
- Members:
 - Dr Ravi Mehta, Pulmonologist, Apollo Hospitals, Jayanagar.
 - Dr Krishna Murthy, Medical Director, Vittala International Institute, Ophthalmology



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- Dr Venkatesh, DSO, Surveillance, Coordination of Contact tracing, Containment zoning.
- Dr Asish Satapathy, Regional Team Lead & NPO- World Health Organization, Bengaluru.
- Dr Nagaraja N T, Surveillance Medical Officer, World Health Organization, Bengaluru.
- Shri Ramesh Arvind, Actor and Host: Media engagement and advocacy.
- Dr Ranganath, Professor & Head, BMCRI, Bengaluru.
- Dr Ramesh Masthi, Professor, KIMS, Bengaluru.
- Dr Suresh G K, NUHM, BBMP.
- Dr Kalavathi, RCH Officer, BBMP.
- Dr Pradeep Rangappa, Intensivist, Columbia Asia Hospital, Bengaluru.
- All Members of the Workgroups for COVID19 Public Health Response (Annexure-1)
- **Special Invitees / Advisors:**
 1. Dr M K Sudarshan, Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee
 2. Prof. Ravi V, Senior Professor, Neurovirology, NIMHANS
 3. Prof Gururaj, Dean, NIMHANS
 4. Dr Lokesh Alahari, WHO Sub Regional Team Leader, Karnataka
 5. UNICEF Representative.
 6. Rotary Representative / NGOs / RWAs
- **Data support: DSO / Covid Cell/ BBMP War Room**


N Manjunatha Prasad IAS 20/7/2020
Commissioner,
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

Copy to the following for information and necessary action:

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. Worshipful Mayor, BBMP.
3. Hon'ble Dy. Mayor, BBMP.
4. ACS, Home Department, Government of Karnataka.
5. ACS, Health & Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka.
6. The Commissioner, Health, and Family Welfare Department.
7. Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City.
8. Task Force teams appointed vide Order No. RD 158 TNR 2020 dated 15-06-2020.
9. Special Officers Deputed by GoK for Zonal Monitoring (COVID-19).
10. All Special Commissioners, BBMP.
11. Special Officer, War Room, BBMP, and MD, Bengaluru Smart City Limited.
12. All Zonal Joint Commissioners, BBMP.
13. CHO, Public Health & CHO, Clinical, and All Health Officers concerned for immediate action and compliance.
14. All Zonal Chief Engineers.
15. PRO, BBMP to inform all Standing Committee Chairpersons, BBMP, and Elected Representatives.
16. Office copy.