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COMMISSIONERATE
Health & Family Welfare and Ayush Services

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ORDER

Sub : Testing of passengers, at their own cost by private labs, who are coming by flights / trains from high risk States- for COVID-19.

Ref: SOP Version.3 issued for inter-state passengers on 22.05.2020

Preface:

1. There is a limitation on the institution quarantine capacity available with BBMP and various other districts. All the passengers from the high-risk States cannot be quarantined for 7 days in hotels / lodges etc. This is due to the fact that many migrant workers in hospitality sector have left for their home states in east & north east parts of India.
2. In so far as the testing is concerned, the State has decided to test certain specific groups of passengers to minimize the spread of Covid-19. Further, the capacity available with private labs could be utilized to the maximum extent so that testing of Covid suspects happens faster.
3. A meeting was conducted with the various private labs on their capacity & readiness to collect swabs & test RT-PCR for Covid-19 for all passengers coming by air / rail within a turn-around-time of 24 hours, as per the existing testing policy of the State Govt. They have agreed to the proposal of the Health Department.

Therefore, assigning private labs to the various categories of passengers entering Karnataka and cost of testing is ordered as follows.

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1. All international air passengers – Xcyton Diagnostics, Bengaluru.
2. All domestic air passengers – Xcyton Diagnostics, Bengaluru.
3. All Inter-state rail passengers
 - i. Neuberg Anand Reference Laboratories
 - ii. Cancyte Technologies Private Limited
 - iii. Aster Lab, Bengaluru

- iv. Narayana Hrudayalaya Lab
- v. Vydehi Hospital and Lab
- vi. Syngene International Limited

4. The assigned labs will have the responsibility of
 - i. Collection of swabs at airport / railway station / hotel etc. as per prevalent Government policy.
 - ii. Testing by RT-PCR method as per ICMR guidelines
 - iii. Communicating the report to passengers & to the Nodal Officer from the State Govt.
5. The sample will be tested by pooling method (5 samples in one pool as per ICMR guidelines). Each traveler will be charged a fee of Rs. 650/- per test by the private lab irrespective of test result being positive or negative.
6. The airport authorities, railways etc. will provide necessary space for establishing Swab Collection Kiosks / Centre free of cost. The Nodal Officers for each segment viz., international passengers (Mrs. Meena Nagaraj, IAS), domestic air passengers (Mr. M. Manivannan, IAS) & inter-state train passengers (Mr. K. Dayanand, IAS) will be responsible for the establishment and operationalization of above mentioned testing methodology & further follow-up.
7. Whenever, a passenger comes out as positive after the test, jurisdictional District Health & Family Welfare Officer / Chief Health Officer (PH) BBMP shall be informed for necessary movement of patient to hospital, contact tracing and tracking.
8. The Deputy Commissioner of the remaining 29 districts shall link ICMR approved private labs with passengers as done above for BBMP / Bengaluru urban district & send copy of the orders to the undersigned.


29.5.20
Commissioner

Health and Family Welfare Services

Copies to:

1. Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru.
2. Special Commissioner, Health, BBMP.
3. Deputy Commissioners of all the districts.
4. All Airport Authorities in Karnataka.
5. Divisional Railway Managers, Karnataka State.
6. Chief Health Officer, Public Health, BBMP.
7. District Health & Family Welfare Officers of all the districts.

Copies for information:

1. Mr. M.Manivannan, IAS, Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department.
2. Mrs. Meena Nagaraj, IAS, OSD, SSU.
3. Mr. K.Dayanand, IAS, Director, Woman & Child Development, Bengaluru.
4. Dr. Arunadathi Chandrashekar, IAS, OSD, SSU.
5. Mr. Venkat Raja, IAS, OSD, Lab Testing COVID.
6. Joint Director, AB-ArK & Special Officer, IEC.