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As the State is experiencing second wave of COVID-19 there is a surge of COVID-19 positive cases and it has been observed that some of the hospitals are demanding COVID-19 negative certificates for the admission of patients, which is causing delay in the treatment of non covid related ailments which is a gross negligence on the part of hospitals. It has also been reported that the persons coming for COVID-19 test are standing in the queues for long hours.

Hence, it is hereby directed that all the Private Hospitals shall ensure that in cases, where there are no symptoms of Covid-19 in patients, there should be no compulsion to provide negative RT-PCR results for getting them admitted into hospitals for non Covid reasons (covid-19 test shall be mandated in case of any invasive procedures after admission). Further, all the testing laboratories which are testing for Covid-19 are directed to maintain separate queues for senior citizens and pregnant women. The laboratories shall also ensure that physical distancing is maintained by marking on the floor/leaving alternate chairs vacant, wearing of mask is ensured/hand washing/sanitizer facilities are provided for the patients while waiting to get tested for covid-19.

The hospitals and the laboratories which are found to be not following the above directions will be liable for strict action under the provisions of Karnataka Private Medical Establishment (KPME) Act and Epidemic Diseases Act 2020.


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Additional Chief Secretary to Government
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Copy to:

1. The Chief Commissioner, BBMP
2. The Commissioner of police, Bengaluru.
3. The Commissioner, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Bangalore.
4. The Mission Director, NHM Bangalore
5. The Special Commissioner, BBMP.

6. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Karnataka.
7. All the Superintendents of police in the State of Karnataka
8. The Director, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Bangalore.
9. All Divisional / Joint Directors, Health and Family Welfare Department.
10. The Chief Health Officer, BBMP.
11. All the District Health Officers / District Surgeons / Administrative Medical Officers and Taluk Medical Officers and Medical Superintendents of all General Hospitals in Karnataka.