

#### Government of Karnataka

## Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services

Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru-560 009

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### **CIRCULAR**

In the current COVID 19 situation, Central and State Governments have issued a series of Guidelines primarily focusing on protection of interests of all the concerned and prevention of the spread of Infection.

These guidelines are done to inform and guide Ophthalmic Practitioners in the best interests of doctors, patients, healthcare staff and community in general. It is necessary to understand and appreciate that these Guidelines do not substitute or override applicable statutory and ethical mandates.

Similarly, in a given patient care scenario, it is ultimately the clinical judgment or decision of the Physician prevails, which is being taken considering overall circumstances and the patient's underlying condition. These Guidelines present recommendations considering the available information as on date. Needless to mention that as the situation evolves and unfolds, these Guidelines also would warrant appropriate changes.

For the current situation of Covid -19 please follow these guidelines at all ophthalmic facilities till further instructions.

Director

Health & Family Welfare Services, Bengaluru.

# Copy for necessary action:

- 1) All District Health & Family Welfare Officers
- 2) All District Leprosy Officers-Blindness Control Division.

### Copy for kind information:

- 1. Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru.
- 2. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru.