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COMMISSIONERATE

Health & Family Welfare Services

No: DD/SSU/Novel Corona Virus/17/2019-20 (Part-1)

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CIRCULAR

- Sub:** Collection of samples in symptomatic persons.
Ref 1: Circular No: SSU/Covid-19/06/2020-21, dated:
16.07.2020
2: Circular No: SSU/Covid-19/19/2020-21, dated:
16.07.2020

With reference to the above subject, all symptomatic persons testing negative through Rapid Antigen Testing should undergo confirmatory test through RTPCR. It is seen that in many Districts, this follow up/confirmatory test is not happening.

In this background, it is instructed that, for any symptomatic person visiting the swab collection centre one Nasopharyngeal swab should be collected for RAT and one Nasopharyngeal (taken from the other nostril) and Oropharyngeal swabs for RTPCR collected in VTM. **Only one entry in RTPCR app should be done.**

If the RAT report is 'Negative' then, the RTPCR samples along with the ICMR Id, Patient Id and other patient details should be sent to the mapped lab (both hard and soft copies).

If the RAT report is 'Positive' then the sample collected in the VTM may be discarded in biohazard bag containing 2% Lysol or 5% freshly prepared hypochlorite solution. The bag is then sealed using plastic tag and disposed in accordance with the national guidelines for biomedical waste disposal.

Commissioner

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1. Deputy Commissioner of all districts.
2. Chief Executive Officer of all districts.
3. District Surgeon of all districts.

4. District Health & Family Welfare Officer of all districts.
5. Nodal Officer of all Govt. Designated Covid-19 labs.

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1. Hon'ble Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
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3. Additional Chief Secretary, Planning, Programme Monitoring & Statistics Department, Bengaluru.
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5. Director, Health & Family Welfare Services.
6. Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department