



COMMISSIONERATE

Health & Family Welfare Services

No. DD/SSU/COVID-19 Guidelines & SoPs/42/2020-21

Date: 29.9.2020

CIRCULAR

Subject: Prohibiting spraying of individuals with disinfectants

Reference: 1. MoHFW-GOI advisory against spraying of disinfectant on people for COVID-19 management dated 18.04.2020
2. Proceedings of 25th Technical Advisory Committee for COVID-19 meeting dated 03.08.2020
3. MoHFW-GOI office memorandum dated 23.09.2020 regarding issue of directions in pursuance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 560/2020- Gursimran Singh Narulavs' Union of India Ministry of Science and Technology & another'

Disinfectants are chemicals that destroy disease causing pathogens or other harmful micro-organisms. It refers to substances applied on inanimate objects owing to their strong chemical properties. Disinfectants are physically and psychologically harmful. It may lead to irritation of eyes, skin, and breathing difficulty and may potentially cause gastrointestinal effects such as nausea and vomiting. Hence, spraying of individuals or groups of people with disinfectant using any modality is NOT recommended under any circumstances.

In view of the above, it is reiterated that spraying of individuals with disinfectants using various modalities is not recommended and hence, all districts are directed to ensure that such practices are not implemented.

Commissioner

Health and Family Welfare Services

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1. Commissioner-BBMP.
2. Deputy Commissioners of all districts.
3. CEOs of ZP of all districts.

4. Director- HFWS, Bengaluru.
5. Director, Medical Education Department.
6. District Health and Family welfare officers/ District Surgeons of all districts.

Copy for kind information to:

1. Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka.
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.
3. Additional Chief Secretary-Health and Family Welfare.
4. Principal Secretary, Medical Education.
5. Mission Director, National Health Mission.