Madhya Pradesh to start Covid care centres in all districts as cases surge

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The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to start Covid-19 care centres in all districts in view of the surging Covid-19 cases, said Chief Minister Shivar Singh Chauhan said on Sunday.

"Immediately start Covid Care Centres in all the 52 districts so that the patients with common symptoms can be admitted there if needed," Chauhan told district, block, ward and panchayat level crisis management groups during a virtual meeting.

He said the duration of contracts with private hospitals has been extended from 1 January to 31 March 2022, to ensure the treatment of the infected patients.

"If required, patients can be treated in private hospitals also. There will be free treatment in private hospitals under the Chief Minister's Covid Treatment Scheme," the CM said.

Chauhan directed the state health department to conduct RT-PCR tests of people with symptoms of cough, cold and mild fever.

If such symptoms are found, then get their RT-PCR test done immediately. We have to monitor that no one hides these symptoms. The situation deteriorated last time due to hiding of such symptoms," he said.

Chauhan also directed officials to open fever clinics and conduct tests on people having symptoms like cough and cold. Ensure that the contacts of the infected people are traced at the earliest, he told officials.

Chauhan informed that 11 cases of the Omicron variant have been detected in MP so far. All of them are healthy, he added.

Covid situation in state

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The recovery count stood at 7, 83,099 after 40 people were discharged from hospitals during the day, leaving the state with an active tally of 608, he said.

With 61,797 samples being examined during the day, the number of tests in MP went up to 2, 38, 13,975, the official added.

A government release said 10, 24, 54,576 Covid-19 vaccine doses have been administered so far in the state, including 8,916 on Sunday**.**