

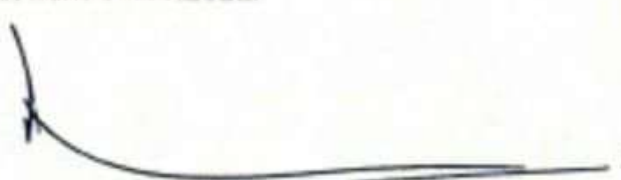
Sub : Modified Protocol for Sealed Buildings (Revised)

With the continuous threat of rising cases of COVID-19 in the city of Mumbai in the past few days and detection of Variant of Concern (VoC) Omicron suggesting an increase in transmissibility, earlier guidelines issued on 01.03.2021 for sealed buildings were revised vide No. MGC/F/5898 dated 03.01.2022. However, considering difficulties faced in sealing many small buildings with lesser number of floors / flats, the above circular is further revised as below:-

- **The whole building or a wing of the building complex / society shall be sealed in the following circumstances**
 - More than 20% of occupied number of flats in the building or a wing of the building complex / society is affected with COVID-19 patients and at least 10 COVID positive cases are detected in these affected flats in total.

- **Care to be taken by residents**
 - The patient and contacts shall strictly follow the current guidelines of home isolation and hygiene etiquettes while in home quarantine.
 - Patient shall be isolated for at least 10 days from onset of symptoms / testing (in case of asymptomatic patients) and no fever for continuous 3 days.
 - High risk contacts shall be home quarantined for 7 days. They shall be tested on 5th to 7th day or immediately if they turn symptomatic and further protocols shall be followed based on their test results.
 - Due care shall be taken by the building managing committees to ensure supplies of food, medicines and essentials to the families in quarantine.
 - Co-operation shall be given to Medical Officers of Health / Ward War Room staff to implement the existing COVID-19 protocols and containment guidelines.
 - De-sealing decision of the building / wing could be taken at the respective ward level.
 - In case of any symptoms / queries, please call the Ward War Room for any information or assistance in shifting of patients to COVID-19 facilities / hospitals.

The above mentioned guidelines shall come into effect from 04.01.2022.


Municipal Commissioner

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