



क.रा.बी.
नि.
E.S.I.C.

मुख्यालय/HEADQUARTER
कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम
(श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय] भारत
सरकार)
EMPLOYEES' STATE INSURANCE
CORPORATION
(Ministry of Labour &
Employment, Govt. of India)



पंचदीप भवन सीआईजी मार्ग] नई दिल्ली-
110002 Panchdeep Bhawan,
CIG Marg, New Delhi- 02
Phone: 011-23215489, VOIP:
10011037
Email: med1-hq@esic.nic.in
Website: www.esic.nic.in /
www.esic.in

No V/14/11/6/2018/Med I/Misc

Date: - 22.12.2022

To,

All Medical Superintendents/ DEANs
ESIC Hospitals/Medical colleges

Director (Medical)
Delhi/Noida

Subject: Regarding measures to be taken in view of recent spurt in Covid cases.

Madam/Sir,

In view of recent sudden spurt of Covid cases being witnessed in many countries across the world, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Govt. of India has requested all States **(copy enclosed)** to gear up medical services to enable timely detection of newer Covid variants, if any.

In this regard, please also refer to this office previous instructions on Covid related measures wherein, inter-alia, it has been emphasized that MoHFW, Govt. of India guidelines/instructions issued from time to time are to be followed by all ESIC Hospitals/Dispensaries in coordination with respective State government/local health authority.

Accordingly, the competent authority has directed following:

- i. Covid related measures with a focus on five-fold strategy of test-track-treat-vaccination & adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour are to be ensured in all ESI Healthcare facilities.
- ii. Plan of action (PoA) may be prepared and implemented in advance by all ESIC hospitals as per local Covid situation. This PoA to be in accordance with requisite SOPs for ensuring adequate number of dedicated Covid beds with functional equipments, ventilator, oxygen availability etc. so that the required medical services are available on a very short notice in hour of need.

In view of above, it is requested to take cognizance of above and take further necessary action for handling Covid situation in your respective hospital/ dispensary.

Encl: As above

Signed by Reshma Verma

Date: 23-12-2022 01:11:17

Reason: Approved
Dr. Reshma Verma
DMC - I

Copy to:

I/146352/2022

1. PPS to Director General, ESIC
2. WCM with request to upload on ESIC website.



Dear Colleague,

India with its focus on five-fold strategy of test-track-treat-vaccination and adherence to COVID Appropriate Behavior has been able to restrict the transmission of Covid-19 virus and is having around twelve hundred cases on a weekly basis. Public Health challenge of Covid-19 still persists around the world with around thirty-five lakh cases reported weekly.

2. The 'Operational Guidelines for Revised Surveillance Strategy in context of COVID-19' issued by Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in June, 2022 calls for early detection, isolation, testing, and timely management of suspected and confirmed cases to detect and contain outbreaks of new SARS-CoV-2 variants. Therefore, monitoring the trends of existing variants is of crucial importance.

3. In view of the sudden spurt of cases being witnessed in Japan, United States of America, Republic of Korea, Brazil and China, it is essential to gear up the whole genome sequencing of positive case samples to track the variants through Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) network. Such an exercise will enable timely detection of newer variants, if any, circulating in the country and will facilitate undertaking of requisite public health measures for the same.

4. In this context, all states are requested to ensure that as far as possible samples of all positive cases, on a daily basis, are sent to the designated INSACOG Genome Sequencing Laboratories (IGSLs) that are mapped to the States and UTs.

5. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare commends the consistent hard work put in by all States/UTs and will continue to extend required support to all states in this regard.

Warm Regards.

Yours sincerely

(Rajesh Bhushan)

Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health) of all States/UTs

Copy for information to:

- Secretary, DBT
- Secretary (DHR) & DG, ICMR
- DGHS/Director, NCDC