

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

ORDER

Capping of Charges for Rapid Antigen Test for COVID-19

No. COVID/NHM/Pb/21/11497

Dated 20.04.2021

The State Government, in exercise of the powers bestowed under the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 (COVID-19 regulations 2020); directs that no private laboratory should charge any amount not more than Rs. 350/- for Rapid Antigen (RAT) for COVID-19, inclusive of GST/Taxes, documentation and reporting in the state of Punjab. Any additional cost for home collection of samples to be fixed by individual laboratories. The lab shall adhere to the following conditions:-

- i. All the testing protocols as laid down by ICMR, Government of India and the State Government of India and the State Government from time to time shall be followed by the Private Laboratories.
- ii. For all Asymptomatic High risk contact of positive case and symptomatic persons, who are negative by rapid antigen test, another NP/OP swab to be collected in VTM should be sent to be identified real-time RT-PCR laboratory for COVID-19 testing as soon as possible.
- iii. The Private Laboratories shall share the data pertaining to the results of tests for COVID-19 with state Government and uploaded on ICMR portal on a real time basis as well as informed to the patient immediately.
- iv. At the time of sampling, the identification, address and verified mobile number etc. of the person, who is being tested, must be recorded and uploaded on RT-PCR app as per ICMR protocols.
- v. All tests results should be immediately communicated to the Civil Surgeon of the concerned district through e-mail with a copy to State IDSP cell of Punjab.
- vi. All the private laboratories are instructed that, information of the patient should be maintained with utmost confidentiality.

vii. The laboratories are also instructed to display rates in visible manner.

This order supersedes the earlier order issued in this regard.

Dr. J. S. Grewal
20/4/21

Director Health & Family Welfare, Punjab

Dated:- 20.04.2021

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A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information:

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2. Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Punjab.
3. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab.
4. Principal Secretary Medical Education & Research, Punjab.
5. Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab.
6. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Punjab.
7. Managing Director, PHSC, Punjab.
8. Special Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab.
9. All the Deputy Commissioners of Punjab.
10. All the Civil Surgeons of Punjab.

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