



GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE,
(HEALTH-IV BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

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**COMPREHENSIVE POLICY FOR ROUTINE WATER SAMPLING AND
OUTBREAKS OF WATER BORNE DISEASES IN THE STATE OF PUNJAB**

A Comprehensive policy regarding routine sampling of drinking water in the State has been prepared as below in order to prevent the outbreaks of water borne diseases and thus morbidity and mortality due to water borne diseases in the State of Punjab:

1. The Department of Local Govt and Water Supply and Sewerage Board will be responsible for
 - i. Supply of potable drinking water to the residents of the State in the urban areas and Department
 - ii. Routine sampling of the drinking water in the urban areas
2. Department of Water Supply & Sanitation will be responsible for
 - i. Supply of potable drinking water to the residents of the State in the rural areas
 - ii. Routine sampling of the drinking water in the rural areas
3. The Department of Local Govt and Department of Water Supply & Sanitation should ensure regular chlorination of the water being supplied to the residents of the State.
4. The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab shall not undertake routine sampling of the drinking water in the State, however
 - i. The Department of Health & Family Welfare shall be cross checking the samples of drinking water in the case of an outbreak of water borne diseases for bacterial contamination.
 - ii. The Department of Health & Family Welfare will collect some random samples of drinking water from areas from where an outbreak of waterborne diseases has been reported in the past.
 - iii. The Department of Health & Family Welfare will collect some random samples of drinking water from areas from where complaints of contamination is reported or from where cases of diarrhoea or other water borne diseases are reported.
 - iv. The water samples collected by the Department of Health and Welfare shall be sent to State Public Health Laboratory, Kharar for testing of drinking water.
5. Department of Health and Welfare, Punjab will share the details of the areas from where water samples have failed (bacterial contamination etc) to the department concerned for immediate remedial measures.
6. The Department of Local Govt. and Department of Water Supply and Sanitation should ensure that an alternate source of drinking water is made available in the area from where an outbreak of waterborne diseases has been reported.
7. Chlorination of drinking water to be ensured for the disinfection of drinking water from where an outbreak of waterborne disease has been reported.

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Department of Health and Welfare

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- 2) The Principal Secretary, Department of Local Government.
- 3) All the Commissioners of Divisions in the State of Punjab.
- 4) The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 5) The Managing Director, Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab, Mohali.
- 6) The Secretary, Department of Water Supply and Sanitation.
- 7) The Commissioner Food and Drugs.
- 8) All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Punjab.
- 9) The Director Local Government for information and circulation to all ULBs.
- 10) The Director Health & Family Welfare Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 11) The Director Health Services (FW), Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 12) The Director Health Services (SI), Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 13) The Director Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab.
- 14) All the Civil Surgeons in the State of Punjab for information and implementation.
- 15) The Accountant General Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 16) The Bacteriologist, Chemical Laboratory, Kharar.
- 17) The State Programme Officer IDSP (Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme), Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab.

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Under Secretary to Government of Punjab
Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab

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