

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(Health – IV Branch)

Order

Standard Operating Procedure:
Micro Containment Zone

Definition: Any specific area within a village/ ward having more than 5 and up to 15 Covid positive cases and with a population of not more than 500 shall be designated as Micro Containment Zone.

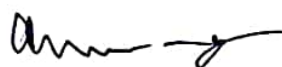
Who Shall Notify the Containment/ Micro Containment Zone: District Administration shall notify Micro Containment Zone in consultation with the District Level Technical Committee comprising of Civil Surgeon, Nodal officer from District Administration, District Epidemiologists. District Technical Committee will also consult Dr Rajesh Bhaskar, State Epidemiologist.

Micro-Containment Strategy : The strategy would be to contain the disease within a defined geographical area by early detection, breaking the chain of transmission and thus, preventing its spread to new areas. This would include geographical quarantine, social distancing measures, enhanced active surveillance, testing all suspected cases, isolation of cases/ home quarantine social mobilization to follow preventive public health measures.

District RRT teams would undertake mapping of cases and contacts in these areas along with active surveillance by ASHA workers/Community Volunteers.

Perimeter Control: The perimeter control will ensure that there is no unchecked outward movement of population from micro-containment zone except for maintaining essential services (including medical emergencies) and government business continuity. It will also check influx of population into the containment zone.

All vehicular movement, movement of public transport and personnel movement will be restricted.



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Details of all persons moving out of perimeter zone for essential/emergency services will be recorded and they will be followed up through IDSP.

Activities to be carried out in notified Micro Containment Zone:

- a) Establishment of clear entry and exit points.
- b) Extensive four level contact tracing must be ensured in such Micro Contained area.
- c) House to House survey must be carried out on daily basis.
- d) Testing of the Symptomatic/ Suspected cases / high risk shall be done as per protocol.
- e) Random stratified sampling shall be carried out in such areas.
- f) Clinical management of all confirmed cases.
- g) Community based communication-Advocacy on hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, environmental sanitation and wearing of masks/face covers.
- h) Strict enforcement of social distancing/home quarantine.

Removal of restriction in Micro Containment Area: Period of Micro Containment would be for at least 10 days. If in last five days, there are not more than one new case reported from the area, micro-containment area shall cease to exist. Otherwise period of Micro Containment would be extended by one week at a time.



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

1. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Punjab
2. The Additional Chief Secretary Home Affairs & Justice
3. The Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister
4. Secretary Health-cum-MD-NHM
5. All the Deputy Commissioners in the state

6. All the Commissioners of Police and Sr. Superintendents of Police
7. Director Health & Family Welfare
8. All the Civil Surgeons in the State



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