## DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, PUNJAB

## Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34, Chandigarh

No. COVID/NHM/Pb/20/6514-57

Dated:- 07.10.2020

To

- 1. All Deputy Commissioners of Punjab
- 2. All Civil Surgeons of Punjab

Subject:

Regarding the advisory for ensuring access to Pregnant Woman for Safe delivery and other services.

In view of some unfortunate adverse events coming to light from some institutes, it is hereby directed that for "Enabling Delivery of Essential Health Services during the COVID 19 Outbreak" and to achieve the non-negotiable agenda of ensuring access to safe delivery, antenatal and postnatal care, following directives must be followed at all levels in the State to prevent and pre-empt unfortunate adverse events:-

- Under no circumstances should there be a denial of essential services for pregnant women. Every opportunity is to be utilized for providing services to the pregnant women if they have already reported at a facility for seeking a particular service.
- Maintain due list of all pregnant women using available records with expected date of delivery (EDD) for active follow up and testing of all pregnant women for COVID-19 as per protocol.
- Establish referral linkage so as to ensure that every pregnant woman is linked with an appropriate nearby health facility for delivery and ambulance services to be tied up in advance for timely transport.
- All services to be delivered with due sensitivity so as to assure beneficiary friendly services.
- All maternal deaths to be audited as per the guidelines.
- Re-orient all Senior Medical officers, Medical officers, Staff nurses and ANMs along with ASHA workers on ANC, safe delivery and post natal services irrespective of COVID-19 status.

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