

Government of Punjab
Department of Health and Family Welfare

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To

All Civil Surgeons

Punjab

Sub: Curtailing non-essential services at Public Health facilities and protocol for Rapid Response Teams.

1. With a view to contain spread of COVID-19, it is instructed that non-essential services like arms license, diving license etc. at Government Health facilities may be postponed till further orders. All OPD and emergency services shall continue to operate.

With a view to reduce footfall, Psychiatric are advised to prescribe and dispense medicines for up to two weeks at all deaddiction centers and OOAT clinics

Social distancing must be maintained for all patients/attendants attending Government Health facilities.

2. Rapid Response teams shall be constituted in synchronization with sector teams of district administration. Sector teams shall visit persons with travel history of any foreign country in last 14 days of arriving in India, and identify and report to Department of Health anyone found having symptoms of fever, cough, or difficulty in breathing. Rapid Response teams should comprise of LHV/ANM and Multipurpose Health Workers/Supervisors. ASHA of the area shall be included in the team. Rapid Response Team shall visit reported persons having symptoms as reported by Sector Teams and examine the them using triple layer mask and necessary precautions and decide about shifting of persons to nearest isolation facility. For travelling of RRT to house of suspected person, a dedicated vehicle shall be hired by the district administration.

In case person needs to be shifted to isolation facility, the RRT shall contact nearest isolation facility and the team from facility shall make arrangements for transport of persons. The teams shall use PPE kits and other precautions while transporting persons in ambulance ensuring that the suspected person wears triple layer mask.

Every isolation facility shall have a dedicated examination facility which is separate from main OPD and isolation center. The person shall be examined by team of doctors at examination facility and decision taken for collection of sample and further management of person.

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Principal Secretary

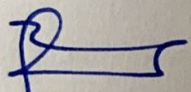
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