

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

Orders by the Governor

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong the 28th March, 2020.

No.Health.99/2020/12:- In view of the urgent need to put in place a detailed protocol on handling of COVID -19 suspect and infected cases, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to prescribe the following procedure elaborated below.

The infected persons will be categorised as per the severity of the symptoms and this procedure would be referred to accordingly for different categories of infected cases.

This order will come into force with immediate effect.

Situation	Procedure	Additional Remarks
1. On Identifying the suspect case. (those identified by case definition requiring testing)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If any Suspect with symptoms of COVID-19 has been identified, he/ she should be brought to the nearest facility.2. Transportation has to be arranged by the Government Medical facility or the District Administration to transport the suspect.3. The ambulance driver and handler should be given Personal Protection Equipment before transporting the patient.4. The vehicle transporting the patient should be cleaned thoroughly with prescribed sprayer or bleaching agents meant for cleaning after the suspected patient has been transported.5. The family members of the Patient who has tested positive have to	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Facility here refers to all the District hospitals and private hospitals as per the list enclosed. The identified hospital which has been designated with isolation ward are equipped with VTM for collecting samples for testing.2. For urban areas additional facilities have been set up as Corona Care Centres (CCC) to meet surge capacity. <i>Corona Care Centres are currently set up at MATI and IIM, Shillong with facilities for taking the samples of suspect cases and to keep the needy patients under quarantine at the same facility.</i> <i>These CCCs will also refer the patients with severe symptoms to designated hospitals based on the severity of symptoms. In the event of any surge of cases, only CCCs will refer patients to designated hospitals.</i> <p>a)VTM – The Viral Transport Medium(VTM) kit usage should be notified to the District Surveillance Officer.</p>



