

Date: 24.04.2020

Note for record on State Response Team Meeting at NHM and DHS Conference Room chaired by Shri Sampath Kumar, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Meghalaya

Important suggestions and recommendations

1. It was brought to notice that few more primary contacts have been identified who need to be tested for COVID-19. It was suggested that a thorough testing of all contacts needs to be done and to ensure that nobody is missed out in the process. District Surveillance officer of EKH is entrusted to ensure this task.
2. It was observed that there has been a sharp drop in the collection of samples from other districts other than that of East Khasi Hills. It was stated that one of the reasons for it, is because people have stopped visiting hospitals due to the fear of COVID-19. It is suggested that steps should be taken by Districts to remove fear and stigma associated with this, as this can alter health seeking behaviour of people.
3. It was suggested that a central database needs to be maintained and that district surveillance teams must feed data into it. It was suggested that the shared Google sheet created should be used for this purpose.
4. It was conveyed that the format of the self-monitoring dairy to be maintained by people under quarantine, prepared by Dr. Roy, WHO. The same will be printed and circulated to them.
5. It was informed that most of the calls received have been of people asking about their test results. It was suggested that the test results of the contacts will be made available to citizen support group involved in tele-counselling.
6. They are also asked to ensure that they advise the contacts to remain under the mandatory quarantine period while conveying their test result.

Key Decisions

1. It was decided that a thorough testing of all contacts needs to be done and to ensure that nobody is missed out in the process.
2. It was decided that the database collected by the district surveillance teams should be fed into the shared Google sheet.

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Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Health & Family Welfare Department

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Dated Shillong, the 27th April,2020.

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- 1.Private Secretary to Chief Secretary for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
- 2.The Commissioner & Secretary, Health & F.W.Department.
- 3.The Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department.
4. The Deputy Commissioners,East Khasi Hills, Shillong/West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin/Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh/ West Jaintia Hills District,Jowai/West Garo Hills District, Tura / East Garo Hills District,Williamnagar/South Garo Hills District, Baghmara/North Garo Hills, Resubelpara/South West Garo Hills, Ampati/East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat/South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat.
5. The Director of Health Services (MI)/(MCH & FW)/(Research),Meghalaya,Shillong.
6. Joint Director of Health Services (MCH & FW) I/c IDSP,Meghalaya,Shillong.
7. District Medical & Health Officer, East Khasi Hills, Shillong/West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin/Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh/ West Jaintia Hills District,Jowai/West Garo Hills District, Tura / East Garo Hills District,Williamnagar/South Garo Hills District, Baghmara/North Garo Hills, Resubelpara/South West Garo Hills, Ampati/East Jaintia Hills, Khliehriat/South West Khasi Hills, Mawkyrwat.

By Order etc.,



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