

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

Orders by the Governor

NOTIFICATION

Dated Shillong the 6th April, 2020.

No. Health.99/2020/21 :- In view of the urgent need to put in place a protocol for first reported positive COVID -19 case in Meghalaya, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to prescribe the following procedure elaborated below.

This order will come into force with immediate effect.

Protocol for first reported positive COVID-19 case in the State.

- If a patient that falls under the case definition of COVID-19 has arrived at any of the designated hospital with sample collection facility, the patient will remain at that designated hospital in the isolation ward until the patient results are received.
- In case the patient is tested positive and falls under the category A, B and C (mild and severe symptoms), the patient will remain at the same designated hospital until recovery.
- If the patient falls under category D (critical) and there is a need for ICU care, the patient will be shifted to nearest designated hospital with such facility.

- The patient's sample will be collected at the hospital/ facility and be transported to NEIGRIHMS by IDSP.
- The patient will remain in isolation at the designated hospital/ facility for till results are received.
- If results come up positive, the patient will remain at the designated facility/hospital until recovery from COVID-19.
- The DC / District Surveillance Officer will take immediate steps for contact tracing of positive cases and ensure isolation and testing of all the persons who have come into close contact with the positive patient.
- If the patient is tested negative but are showing mild symptoms, the patients will be asked if they have room available in their homes for Home-Quarantine or if they would prefer to go to CCC or quarantine facility. This is to be done with assistance from District Surveillance Teams.
- Critical patients who will need ICU and ventilator support will be placed at Civil Hospital Shillong / Tura (provided availability of beds) or at NEIGRIHMS or at any of the other hospitals that have agreed to keep COVID-19 critical patients in their dedicated COVID-19 ICU with ventilator support.

