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Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services
Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru -09

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Sub: Screening of Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) Cases at "Fever Clinics".

Fever clinics being the first point of contact in the process of passive surveillance, it is imperative that we have not just a robust way of screening, but also to stratify the cases and enable prompt and priority-based services and referrals. Keeping in reference with the above scenario of rampant transmission of COVID-19 in Karnataka, it is essential to continuously upgrade all screening measures in the state.

Fever Clinics are established at designated Public Health Facilities, Government and Private Medical Colleges of State where in ILI and SARI cases are being screened using Infra Red Thermal Scanners for fever cases only. It's being noted that many of ILI and SARI cases are presenting mainly with breathlessness and cough which are missed during screening and may turn out positive in later stages. It is hereby directed to ensure that all the ILI and SARI cases are subjected for swab test as per SOP for COVID test.

It has come to the notice of the State that finger tip pulse oximeter is a much essential tool for stratification of ILI and SARI, and must be made available at all the fever clinics. All the ILI and SARI cases with SpO₂ < 95% should be subjected for COVID 19 swab test. The screening for fever is being done by infrared thermometers which have to be held within 10 inches from body surface for appropriate measuring of temperature (appropriate fever screening tool in current outbreak scenario). The District Health Officers (DHO's) are hereby instructed to ensure availability of finger tip Pulse Oximeter and IR Thermal scanners at every fever clinic of the district.

(NOTE: Finger tip Pulse Oximeter will be supplied through KSDLWS or they can procure from District Disaster Management Fund)


Director

Health & Family Welfare Services

To:

1. District Health officers of all districts.
2. Chief Health Officer, BBMP.
3. District surveillance officers of all districts.
4. CPMO, BBMP.
5. RCHOs of all districts.

Copy for kind information:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary, Health and family welfare services and Medical education.
2. Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru.
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4. Mission Director, National Health Mission Karnataka.
5. Deputy Commissioners of all districts.
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