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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

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Sub: COVID-19-Hospital based surveillance for Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI) as a surrogate marker for community-based spread of COVID-19 - Reg.

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In view of Novel Corona Viral Disease (COVID-19) being declared as Pandemic by the World Health Organisation, there is a need to identify admissions due to Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI)/Pneumonia in the hospitals. This will be used as surrogate marker for COVID-19. A rising trend of SARI/Pneumonia cases will trigger the need for further investigation for COVID-19.

SARI/Pneumonia surveillance will be done in hospitals where majority of the patients get admitted for severe respiratory problems, identical to those seen in COVID-19. All Teaching Hospitals, District Hospital, Area Hospitals and Corporate & Other private Hospitals are being identified as sentinel sites for surveillance. These hospitals shall report daily on the following format:

Sl.No	Particulars	Number
1	Number of new admissions due to SARI / Pneumonia	
2	Number of deaths due to SARI / Pneumonia	

To facilitate reporting, the criteria for reporting SARI cases are as given below:

1. Age above 15 years
2. H/o fever or currently having fever
3. Any respiratory symptoms severe cough / shortness of breath
4. Hospitalisation

If the patient has all the above four conditions, it should be immediately reported to the state IDSP team on Whatsapp at the following number (Dr.Seema Tabassum: 9059746612) and mail

to ids@telangana.gov.in The line list of patients should be maintained by all the hospitals and should be shared as and when asked.

The reporting shall start retrospectively from 8th of March 2020 to understand the baseline admissions of the facility.


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