

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

MA&UD Department - Covid-19 Disease - Tracing all residents of GHMC with foreign travel history / suspects of COVID-19 - Ensure their home quarantine - Ramping up surveillance efforts - Completion in time bound manner- Orders - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 163

Dated: 22-03-2020

Read the following: -

1. G.O. Rt. No.4 Revenue (DM) Department, dated 14-03-2020.
2. G.O. Ms. No.13, Health Medical & Family Welfare Dept., dated 21-03-2020.
3. COVID-19 Case Definition & Surveillance Guidelines, MoH &FW, GOI.

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ORDER: -

World Health Organization has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) epidemic as International Public Health Emergency concern. In this context Government has decided to strengthen the surveillance and control measures against the disease, as per the national guidelines from time to time.

2. It has come to the notice of the Government that a large number of persons with foreign travel history and having returned to India on or after 1st March 2020 are residing in the GHMC Area.

3. The Chief Secretary to Government has already issued instructions to trace, track and ensure that these persons maintain home quarantine for (14) days after their return to India. The details of the foreign travellers shared from time to time by the State IDSP.

4. There is a potential threat of these persons to transmit the Corona Virus and of the immediate need to trace, track and home quarantine them to prevent further spread of the disease. Time is of essence in ensuring that all these residents of GHMC are invariably home quarantined.

5. The Commissioner, GHMC Hyderabad is requested to take the following steps in a methodical manner and meticulously monitor compliance in a time bound manner.

- 1) To form ward surveillance which comprise of AE/DE + ANM/Health functionary + ASI/Head Constable.
- 2) Assign specific and clearly delineated geographical areas to each team to locate those residents with foreign travel history.
- 3) Sufficient teams should be formed, so as to cover every area of GHMC and to track all such persons for the designated duration.
- 4) Tracing and tracking of all foreign travellers from time to time and follow up on daily basis for a period of (14) days.
- 5) The surveillance team shall visit and monitor home quarantine compliance for 14 days.
- 6) All such persons should be located, stamped and their home stickered.
- 7) To ensure community watch of home quarantined persons by informing neighbours, local RWAs and local SHGs.

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- 8) IEC material regarding COVID-19 preventive measures to be distributed to all the identified households.
 - 9) The designated teams shall follow the minimum infection control measures like masks, sanitizers etc.
 - 10) All the teams be advised to shift symptomatic cases to isolation centres on need basis for necessary follow up of sample collection, testing etc.
 - 11) Tracing of all positive case contacts and shift them to the designated health facility for further testing & treatment if required, by the District Rapid Response Teams.
 - 12) The Commissioner, GHMC should open a 24X7 Control Room to monitor the surveillance operations of tracing and tracking teams.
 - 13) The surveillance team shall collect and compile the data and submit to the GHMC control room on daily basis. In turn the daily reports shall submit to the Director of Public Health, Hyderabad.
 - 14) Whenever any case or cluster of cases reported to be positive the containment plan shall be implemented by following the due protocols in consultation with State Rapid Response Team (RRT).
 - 15) The telephone number of the control room shall be widely published.
 - 16) The Additional Commissioner, GHMC should be kept in charge for the overall surveillance operations for the GHMC jurisdiction.
6. In view of the current situation, the Government hereby place the services of health functionaries of Hyderabad District at the disposal of Commissioner GHMC until further orders.
7. The Commissioner, GHMC shall take all necessary steps for containment of COVID-19. He has to ensure that these orders are complied with in a meticulous and time bound manner.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**ARVIND KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Director of Municipal Administration, Telangana, Hyderabad.

(with a request to ensure that these operations are undertaken, in consultation with respective District Collectors, in all Urban Local Bodies that share a boundary with GHMC and to report compliance).

The Health Medical & Family Welfare Department.

(for information and necessary action)

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