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Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department - Covid 19 - Public Private Partnership for Covid 19 testing - Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1235/2020/H&FWD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram,
02/07/2020

- Read 1 Do letter No. ECD/COVID 19/Misc/2020 dated 25.05.2020 from Director General, ICMR.
- 2 Minutes of the Meeting with the representatives of Private Laboratories dated 19/06/2020.

ORDER

As per the letter read as 1st paper above , ICMR informed that the prices for testing kits of COVID 19 have become competitive and undergone reduction as compared to the initial days of the Pandemic. Hence the upper ceiling price of Rs. 4500/- as stated earlier is not applicable and requested the State Governments to negotiate with private labs and fix mutually agreeable prices for samples sent by the Government.

Government of Kerala intends to increase accessibility of testing facilities to citizens. Public Private partnership is considered as one of the options to ensure increased access to COVID-19 tests and decrease the turn around time of testing. Public sector can partner with the private sector for conducting COVID-19 testing. The Private Sector Laboratories which are approved by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for performing COVID-19 testing , using RTPCR based technology , located in Kerala are eligible to be the partners. Hence the Department held a meeting with the representatives of Private Laboratories for performing COVID 19 test on 19th



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Based on the discussions, Government decided to increase the accessibility of testing the citizens by Public Private Partnership and to fix the per test charges for the samples referred by the Government to private labs @ Rs. 2500/- for individual RTPCR one test, as sample collection is done through Department machinery.

A detailed guideline to operationalise the process will be issued by Department of Health and Family Welfare.

(By order of the Governor)
RAJAN NAMDEV KHOBRAGADE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To:

The Director of Medical Education , Thiruvananthapuram
The Director of Health Services , Thiruvananthapuram
All District Collectors
All District Medical Officers.(Through Director of Health Services)
The Drugs Controller Thiruvananthapuram
The Information &Public Relations(Web&New Media) Department
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