



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Health & Family Welfare Department – Antigen Test – The criteria for hospitals and laboratories to conduct rapid antigen test for COVID-19 – Orders issued.

**DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Rt)No.1403/2020/H&FWD** Dated, Thiruvananthapuram,  
31/07/2020

- Read 1 G.O.(Rt)No.1295/2020 H&FWD dated 15/07/2020  
2 D.O. No. ECD/COVID-19/Misc./2020 dated 16/07/2020 from the Director General, ICMR.

**ORDER**

As per Government Order read as first paper above, the criteria for hospitals and laboratories to conduct rapid antigen test for COVID-19 were issued, as instructed by ICMR. Also, Government have granted permission to Private Laboratories approved for Antigen testing by fixing the cost at Rs.625/- per test for those Private Laboratories / Private Hospitals. Now, as per letter read as second paper above, the ICMR have instructed State Governments to decide permissions for rapid antigen testing facilities. Many private hospitals requesting access for rapid antigen testing facilities.

Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to modify the Government Order read above incorporating the eligibility criteria for Private hospitals/Private Laboratories for providing more access to the public to COVID-19 tests in this phase of the pandemic as follows:

For those hospitals not having NABH/NABL, the approval will be based on producing the following documents:

1. Robust system for Biomedical waste management  
(e.g: Agreement with IMAGE for Biomedical

waste management)

AND

2. Satisfactory Hospital Infection Control Protocol

AND

3. Undertaking on following infection control practices and guidelines of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Kerala regarding data management.

The rate fixed for rapid antigen tests will be the same as mentioned in the Government Order read above at Rs 625/- per test.

The Government Order read above stands modified to the above extent.

(By order of the Governor)

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**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

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