GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT MIZORAM SECRETARIAT, MIZORAM NEW CAPITAL COMPLEX, AIZAWL - 796001

NOTIFICATION (Revised Guidelines for Covid-19 test)

Dated Aizawl, the 27th October, 2021.

No.D.33011/21/2021-HFW(nCOV)/Pt.I/11: Following the recommendations of the State Level Expert Team for Covid-19 Management, and in supersession of the Guidelines for testing for Covid-19 dated 18.10.2021 and 24.10. 2021, the following guidelines are hereby notified for strict compliance by all concerned with immediate effect until further order:—

- 1. Persons to be tested for Covid-19: All persons belonging to the following categories shall be tested for Covid-19 as follows:
- 1.1 All person entering the State of Mizoram, as per the standing SOP for Screening at Entry Points dated 14.10.2021 vide Notification No.D.33011/39/2021-HFW(SOP)/Pt.4/II
- 1.2 All persons who have **symptoms of Covid-19** (regardless of vaccination status of prior Covid-19 infection, etc), such as fever, sore throat, cough, rhinitis, diarrhoea, anosmia (reduced or loss of sense of smell) and shortness of breath (SOB), should be tested immediately with Rapid Antigen Test (**RAgT**).
- 1.3 Close contact/ primary high risk contact (persons who have been within a distance of 6 feet of confirmed Covid-19 case for at least 15 minutes without any protection such as face mask) should be tested with RT-PCR/ TrueNat within 5-10 days following the known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed Covid-19 case.
 - a) Fully vaccinated persons shall also be tested, however, it is not necessary to quarantine such persons during the said period of 5-10 days; they should strictly follow Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) instead.
 - b) Persons who have recovered from Covid-19 within the last 3 months do not need to get tested even if they have been exposed to confirmed Covid-19 cases, unless they develop new symptoms.
 - c) However, if the above two categories of persons mentioned at 1.3 (a) and 1.3(b) are family members of a Covid-19 patient who is either

undergoing "Home Isolation" or is undergoing treatment at any Covid-19 Care Facilities i.e CCC/CCCC/ DCHC/DCH, they shall be quarantined and shall strictly follow the latest SOP for Contact Tracing dated 28.09.2021 vide Notification No.D.33011/39/2021-HFW(SOP)/Pt.III/4 and Guidelines for isolation and treatment of Covid-19 dated 18.10.2021 vide Notification No.D.33011/21/2021-HFW(nCOV)/Pt.I/9 and supplementary notification on SOP for Home Isolation dated 06.09.2021 issued on 18th October, 2021 vide Notification No.D.33011/21/2021-HFW(nCOV)/Pt.I/8.

- 1.4 Persons who have been advised by their healthcare provider or authority concerned for Covid-19 test.
- 2. Testing:
- 2.1 Record of sample collection shall include the **date and time** (hour and minutes) of the collection and the same shall also be indicated in the Test result/certificate.
- 2.2 Confirmatory test (re-test) is not required for any positive RAgT test result.
- 2.3 If the result of RAgT test of a **symptomatic person** is **negative**, he/ she should be tested again with RT-PCR / TrueNat immediately.
- 2.4 If any symptomatic person tested negative with RT-PCR/ TrueNat has fever with temperature of ≥ 100.4° F, or SpO₂ (blood oxygen level) of <94% or worsening cough, he/ she should be referred to the nearest Hospital/ Doctor.
- 2.5 All positive and negative results of Covid-19 tests shall be uploaded in the ICMR portal by the testing agency on the same day of the test positively.
- 2.6 All persons tested positive for Covid-19 by any method, including 'self-test' shall report the matter to the Local/ Village Level Task Force concerned, and seek/ follow advice from the nearest CMO/ MO concerned or the Helpline at telephone Nos. 102/0389 2323336/0389 2322336/0389 2318336.
- 3. No dead body of any person should be tested for Covid-19.

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