

Updates on COVID-19

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Various pre-emptive, proactive and graded measures have been taken by Government of India along with the States/UTs for the prevention, containment and management of COVID-19 in the country. These are being regularly reviewed and monitored at the highest level.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued guidelines for cluster containment and outbreak containment. Technology-led initiatives for undertaking surveillance, monitoring quarantine facilities, tracking the health of suspected patients and their contacts placed under home quarantine, providing up-to-date information to citizens, making predictive analytics using Heat Maps, with real-time tracking of ambulances and disinfection services, virtual training to doctors & healthcare professionals and tele-counselling are being conducted across various Districts.

The Ministry has published an updated training resource material and video material for COVID-19 management. This is available at: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>.

A Guidance Document on appropriate management of suspect/confirmed cases of COVID-19 has also been issued, which may be accessed at:

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/FinalGuidanceonMangaementofCovidcasesversion2.pdf>.

Three types of facilities shall be set up for various categories of COVID-19 cases as a mechanism for triaging and decisions making for identification of the appropriate COVID-19 dedicated facility for providing care to COVID-19 patients:

1. COVID Care Center (CCC) :
 - a. Mild or very mild cases or COVID suspect cases.
 - b. Makeshift facilities. These may be set up in hostels, hotels, schools, stadiums, lodges etc., both public and private.
 - c. If need be, existing quarantine facilities could also be converted into COVID Care Centres
 - d. Necessarily be mapped to one or more Dedicated COVID Health Centres and at least one Dedicated COVID Hospital for referral purpose.
2. Dedicated COVID Health Centre (DCHC):
 - a. Shall offer care for all cases that have been clinically assigned as moderate
 - b. These should either be a full hospital or a separate block in a hospital with preferably separate entry/exit/zoning.
 - c. These hospitals would have beds with assured Oxygen support.
3. Dedicated COVID Hospital (DCH):
 - a. Shall offer comprehensive care primarily for those who have been clinically assigned as severe.
 - b. Should either be a full hospital or a separate block in a hospital with preferably separate entry\exit.
 - c. Fully equipped ICUs, Ventilators and beds with assured Oxygen support.

As of now, 4421 confirmed cases and 117 deaths have been reported. 326 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery.

For all authentic & updated information on COVID-19 related technical issues, guidelines & advisories please regularly visit: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>.

Technical queries related to COVID-19 may be emailed at technicalquery.covid19@gov.in and other queries on ncov2019@gov.in .

In case of any queries on COVID-19, please call at Ministry of Health & Family Welfare helpline no. : +91-11-23978046 or 1075 (Toll-free). List of helpline numbers of States/UTs on COVID-19 is also available at <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/coronavirushelplinenumber.pdf> .

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