

Government of Punjab
Department of Health and Family Welfare
(Health IV Branch)

To

1. All the Deputy Commissioners in the State of Punjab
2. All the SSPs in the State of Punjab
3. All the Civil Surgeons in the State of Punjab.

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Subject: COVID 19: Enforcement of home quarantine.

To prevent and control the spread of COVID-19, as per protocol, all the persons who have travel history of other countries have been assigned 'home quarantine'. It has been noticed that the enforcement of home quarantine is required to be done more strictly. It has been decided that house of every such home quarantine is to be marked with a sticker mentioning the period of quarantine, surveillance to ensure proper follow of the quarantine protocol is required and monitoring of surveillance is desirable.

The list of persons who have been placed in home quarantine is being shared by the department of Health and Family Welfare as and when it is received from New Delhi and a proto type of the stickers has also shared. These stickers are to be got printed by DCs at local level.

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab today in Chandigarh. To achieve the above desired enforcement, It has been decided that Deputy Commissioners and SSPs must ensure effective enforcement of home quarantine protocol.

The following steps have to be taken to ensure this:

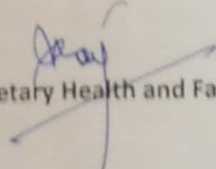
1. DCs will divide the entire district in sectors and appoint a supervisory office in every sector. The supervisory officer should be mobile and should preferably have a staff car or is to be provided conveyance. The SSPs will appoint a nodal officer for every sector, a SHO or a DSP level officer.
2. The Civil Surgeon will form a Rapid Response Team for every sector which would consist of at least two officials from amongst the LTs/MPHWs (male/female) alongwith the local ASHA of the area.
3. In every sector every person in home quarantine has to be assigned a surveillance officer by the Deputy Commissioner. There should be a single surveillance officer for a multiple numbers of home quarantine keeping in view the area in which the home quarantines are placed and the scatter.
4. The surveillance officer will paste a sticker on the house of the person in home quarantine and will check if the home quarantine protocol is being followed by the person in home quarantine or not.
5. The Surveillance officer will report every day to the supervisory officer about the status of the person in home quarantine.
6. The surveillance officer on every visit will ask the person in quarantine about his health and will ascertain if he/ she also has symptoms as follows or not:

1. Fever
2. Sore Throat
3. Difficulty in Breathing

In case the person has symptoms then it must be reported to the Rapid Response Teams immediately

7. If a person who have been placed in home quarantine is not following the protocol he is supposed to follow i.e if he has not been staying home all through or has been meeting visitor then this matter will be immediately reported to the concerned, police nodal officer and concerned SMO
 - i) If such a person is a symptomatic he will then he will be reported immediately to the Rapid Response Team. The RRT will then immediately move such a person to Govt quarantine and action will be initiated against him under section 188 of Cr PC by the Dc/SSp.
 - ii) In case the person is symptomatic and is found not following the home quarantine protocol then the Rapid Response Teams will work as per protocol and has been set by DHS and action under section 188 will be initiated by the DC/SSP.
8. As and when a person is found to be symptomatic the Rapid Response Team will immediately move to verify the symptoms or assess the situation and if the person is required to be shifted to isolation ward then dedicated Ambulance will move the person to isolation centres for further investigation.
9. It has been decided that the surveillance officers and the sector officers will not be from the Health and Family Welfare department so that Health and Family Welfare department can focus completely on looking after these who are found symptomatic and in sampling those who have come in contact with the person who is found to be a positive case of COVID-19.
10. DCs, with the help of Secretary RTA will take on him vehicle to provided to every Rapid Response Team.
11. The protocol and precaution to be taken by Rapid Response Team, Ambulance and Isolation center is being sent across separately by the DHS.

DCs, SSPs and Civil Surgeon are requested to gear up their teams accordingly, immediately. Compliance report may be sent daily on the progress@ pshfw@Punjab.gov.in


Secretary Health and Family Welfare

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