## ਡਾਇਰਕੈਟਰ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ (ਸੈ.ਸਿ), ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ। (ਕੋਆਰਡੀਨੇਸ਼ਨ ਸ਼ਾਖਾ)

ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ,

- 1. ਸਮੂਹ ਜਿਲਾ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਅਫਸਰ(ਸੈ.ਸਿ/ਐ.ਸਿ),ਪੰਜਾਬ।
- 2. ਸਮੂਹ ਸਕੂਲ ਮੁੱਖੀ,ਪੰਜਾਬ।

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- Minutes of the Meeting held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab through Video Conferencing 3.30 p.m on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 to review the Covid-19 management and vaccination programme.

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਅਗਲੇਰੀ ਯੋਗ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹਿਤ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

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- 1. ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਬੋਰਡ।
- 2. ਸਮੂਹ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ/ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਮੁੱਖੀ,ਦਫਤਰ ਡੀ.ਜੀ.ਐਸ.ਈ,ਪੰਜਾਬ।
- 3. ਸਮੂਹ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ/ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਮੁੱਖੀ,ਦਫਤਰ ਡੀ.ਪੀ.ਆਈ(ਸੈ.ਸਿ/ਐ.ਸਿ),ਪੰਜਾਬ।
- 4. ਸਮੂਹ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ/ਸ਼ਾਖਾ ਮੁੱਖੀ, ਦਫਤਰ ਡਾਇ. ਐਸ.ਸੀ.ਈ.ਆਰ.ਟੀ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।

Minutes of the Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab through Video Conferencing 3.30 p.m. on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 to review the CoViD-19 management and vaccination programme.

List of participants is attached at Annexure.

Chief Secretary welcomed the Hon'ble Chief Minister, and apprised the present status of CoViD-19 management and vaccination and the steps undertaken/being initiated by the Departments of Health & Family Welfare and the Medical Education & Research.

- Thereafter, Principal Secretary Health & Family Welfare (PSHFW) presented the current updated status of CoViD-19 as well as inoculation of the Health Care Workers (HCWs) and Front Line Workers (FLWs). He stated that the positivity rate was around 1.2% since the beginning of January 2021 till mid February, 2021 but thereafter trend has steadily been increasing for which special efforts are being made by the Department especially in Amritsar, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Patiala, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar and Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar districts to bring the positivity rate down. Efforts are also being made to bring down CFR. He added that 10 HCWs have lost their lives in managing CoViD-19 pandemic and compensation to the members of the seven families was paid and the remaining claims are being expedited.
- 3. PSHFW stated that the contact tracing has been increased to 16.6 persons per positive case. He further added that the bed occupancy in Level-II healthcare facilities in Government and Private hospitals was 8.86% (361 patients) and 10.28% (274 patients) while in Level-III; it was 15.66% (34 patients) and 16.94% (193 patients) respectively.
- 4. With regard to inoculation of CoViD-19 vaccine, the PSHFW apprised that total 3.9 lakh beneficiaries (HCWs-2,06,176 and FLWs-1,83,160) have been registered; 10.14 lakhs Covishield vaccine of Serum Institute of India and 1.34 lakhs Covaxin vaccine of Bharat Biotech International Ltd. have been received in the state. 39% HCWs have taken the first dose of vaccine and second dose to the HCWs have also been started. 25% FLWs have taken the first dose of vaccine. He added that attention is being given to the Page 1 of 6

ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਸਫ਼ੱਤਰ ਸਕੂਲ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਪੈਜਾਬ ਆਨ ਲਾਇਨ ਤਇਰੀ ਨੰ*ਤੇ 1 4 2* 3 ਨਿਜੀ ਨੂੰ 7 7 7 7 low performing districts where HCWs are being motivated to get CoViD-19 vaccine. He also stated that the HCWs, especially para-medical staff, are also being encouraged and sensitized about the benefits of getting CoViD-19 vaccine through respective Councils and Associations.

- 5. PSHFW stated that 61 minor incidences of Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI) were reported in 14 districts, and all have recovered. He said that six serious and 14 severe incidences of AEFI were reported, and they also have recovered.
- 6. PSHFW mentioned that consequent upon the opening of the schools, the overall positivity rate of cases reported in the schools is 1.1%, and special attention is being given to Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Bathinda and Ludhiana districts where the positivity rate in Schools is 2.7%, 2.9% and 3.1% respectively.
- 7. PSHFW also brought out the challenges in managing the CoViD-19 pandemic as well as the vaccination hesitancy in the HCWs and the FLWs. He said that the positivity rate is going up primarily due to non-adherence to the COVID Appropriate behaviour, and to some extent, number of cases in three districts where more students and teachers have tested CoViD positive. He suggested the following steps to manage rising cases of CoViD-19 positivity and hesitancy in vaccination:
  - Containment must be strictly implemented as per guidelines.
  - > 100% testing in containment zones.
  - > Each traced contact must be tested.
  - > Increase testing to 30,000 per day.
  - Strictly enforce COVID Appropriate Behaviors.
  - > Restriction of night movement.
  - > Restriction on social gatherings.
  - Prior permission for any social gathering.
  - Enhance penalties for violation of COVID Appropriate Behaviors.
  - For enforcement of COVID Appropriate Behaviors, more Departments may be roped in at the district level.
- 8. Dr K.K. Talwar, Adviser Health & Medical Education to the Government of Punjab indicated that the current upward trend of positivity may soon go up to 4% if CoViD protocols were not followed. He stressed the need to have CoViD Monitors for hotels, restaurants, offices, etc., and ensure wearing of masks by the general public. He Page 2 of 5

also suggested that announcements may be made through Public Address System in the markets regularly to remind the people of wearing of masks at all times. Similarly, the Nodal Officers/ CoViD Monitors may be appointed for each school for compliance of the CoViD guidelines.

- 9. Dr Raj Bahadur, Vice Chancellor, BFUHS, Faridkot assured that testing will be increased to cater to the rise in COVID-19 cases.
- 10. Secretary, Schools Education apprised the Hon'ble Chief Minister that once they came to know about the cases being found in the schools in certain districts, they started strict monitoring of the compliance of the CoViD guidelines by the schools. They have appointed teachers as the CoViD Nodal Officers, and the students as the CoViD Monitors in each class to ensure compliance of CoViD guidelines.. He further intimated that in the schools where the strength was high, they have started double shifts to ensure social distancing.
- 11. The Director General of Police assured the Hon'ble Chief Minister that they would ensure strict compliance of the CoViD guidelines. They are also motivating the police personnel to get vaccinated. As on date, more than 27,000 police personnel of various levels have got vaccinated. The DGP further proposed that there is a need to restrict social gatherings to break the chain of transmission.
- 12. After deliberating the issues, the Hon'ble Chief Minister concluded that action should be taken as under:
  - 1. The social gathering should be restricted to 100 in the case of indoor events, and 200 in the case of outdoor events from 1.3.2021. (Action: Department of Home Affairs & Justice).
  - 2. The Health & Family Welfare Department should increase the testing to 30,000 per day (Action: Department of Health & Family Welfare).
  - 3. All the Deputy Commissioners should effectively manage the micro-containment zones. Market associations should be encouraged for the messaging on the COVID Appropriate Behaviour through Public Address Systems. The DCs should review the situation in their respective districts, and Page 3 of 5

decide on night curfew from 11.00 pm to 5.00 am in affected areas (except for industrial and other economic activity), if the situation so warrants. (Action: all Deputy Commissioners).

- 4. RT-PCR testing should be restarted at F.S.L. Mohali and R.D.D.L., Jalandhar (Action: Department of Medical Education & Research).
- 5. Excise & Taxation Department should ensure CoViD Monitors in all hotels, restaurants and the marriage palaces. (Action: Department of Excise & Taxation).
- 6. Testing of contacts traced should be increased (Action: Department of Health & Family Welfare).
- 7. IEC on the COVID Appropriate Behaviour should be given greater attention by the Public Relations Department (Action: Information and Public Relations Department).
- 8. For reducing occupancy in cinema halls, the situation may be reviewed after a week. (Action: Department of Home Affairs & Justice).
- 9. CFR of 3.23 was observed to be a cause of concern. Mortality audit has pointed out that many of the deaths are happening between 2-14 days of hospitalization. Greater supervision of protocols for managing patients with comorbidity especially in private facilities should be ensured. (Action: Departments of Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education & Research).
- 10. The Departments of Health & Family Welfare, and the Medical Education & Research should ensure that all the recruitments undertaken recently should be completed, and all candidates should join their respective posts to ensure availability of adequate HR. (Action: Departments of Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education & Research).
- 11. The Departments of Health & Family Welfare and the Medical Education & Research should gear up to vaccinate the general public, which is expected to start in the month of March 2021. (Action: Departments of Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education & Research).

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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## List of participants:

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- 4. Shri Dinkar Gupta, IPS, Director General of Police, Government of Punjab.
- 5. Shri D.K. Tiwari, IAS, Principal Secretary Medical Education and Research.
- 6. Shri Hussan Lal, IAS, Principal Secretary Health & Family Welfare.
- 7. Shri Krishan Kumar, IAS, Secretary Schools Education
- 8. Shri Kumar Rahul, IAS, MD-NHM
- 9. Mrs. Tanu Kashyap, IAS, MD-PHSC
- 10. Shri Amit Kumar, IAS, SSHFW
- 11. Dr. Raj Bahadur, VC, BFUHS
- 12. Dr. G.B. Singh, Director Health Services
- 13. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, ED, SHSRC
- 14. Dr. Avneet Kaur, Consultant MCH.
- 15. Dr. Rajesh Bhaskar, Nodal Officer CoViD.

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