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Health & Family Welfare Services

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Sub: COVID-19 Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing for front line Police personnel in Bengaluru city reg.

1. The pandemic COVID-19 has affected the state starting from March-2020. Right from the beginning state has taken up several measures in order to limit the spread of COVID-19 infection from confirmed cases to families and neighbourhood by designing appropriate measures from time to time. Isolation, contact tracing, enforcing of quarantine, lockdown, sealing of certain potentially infective areas are some of the community-based strategies to name a few. In this endeavour the police department has been working hand in hand with the health department and are at a risk of exposure to the Corona-2 infection.
2. As a recourse to the continued contribution of police in COVID-19 containment the State Government has ordered for RT-PCR testing of *"all asymptomatic police personnel involved in Quarantine/Isolation/surveillance activities of suspect/confirmed COVID-19 cases in the State"*. Accordingly, it has been decided to go for one-time linear screening of the front-line workers of Bengaluru City Police, to begin with, from 24.04.2020 onwards.
3. The exercise should be conducted under the direct supervision and guidance of the BBMP Commissioner, Police Commissioner, Bengaluru and along with the active assistance of the Chief Health Officer of Public Health and clinical of BBMP.
4. **Venue:** Jayanagar General Hospital, located in Jayanagar 4th block, Bengaluru.
5. **Time:** 10.00 am to 4.00 p.m. with a lunch break of 30 minutes.
6. **Responsibility:** Dr. Kiran (Mobile No: 9448078396) Medical Superintendent, Jayanagar General Hospital and his team including the DNB faculty and students. Staff and students of the Paramedical courses can also be utilized.

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7. **Methodology:** Since it is a linear screening of police officers and staff who are apparently healthy the *"pooled sample"* method is suggested. In this method every tested person name should be meticulously recorded with the detail of the designation, number and phone number for future contact. However, the final decision of going either for individual or pooled testing lies with the local physician depending on the medical condition if any at the time of screening.
8. **Logistics:** Arrangement should be made for sufficient number of testing gears, PPEs for the testing staff and other consumables. The labs should be strengthened in terms of manpower and supplies to meet the additional work load of this screening activity. The list of police personnel to be screened shall be obtained from the Commissioner of Police Bengaluru.
9. **Standard fixtures:** Provision of drinking water, toilets, seating arrangements, necessary sign boards shall be made without giving room for any complaint. The standard protocol of physical/social distancing, hand cleaning etiquette, wearing of masks shall be enforced meticulously.
10. **Output:** Every day tests of around 200 police personnel should be done without causing inconvenience to the regular OPD and COVID-19 work.
11. **Report:** A daily report of the process and output with photographs shall be submitted to the Commissioner BBMP, Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru and the undersigned.


Commissioner

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To,

1. The Commissioner, BBMP.
2. The Commissioner of Police Bengaluru City.
3. Deputy Commissioners of Bengaluru Urban and Rural district.
4. Superintendents of Police of Bengaluru Rural district.
5. Medical Superintendents of the Jayanagar General Hospital, Bengaluru.
6. Chief Health Officer, Public Health and Clinical, BBMP, Bengaluru.
7. District Health and Family Welfare Officer of Bengaluru Urban District, Bengaluru.

Copies for information:

1. Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department.
2. Secretary, DPAR.
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