



GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

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MEDIA BULLETIN

SITUATION IN THE STATE

	Today	Cumulative
Sample tested	4374	75,308
Negative	3389	62,959
Positive Cases	985	12,349
Active Cases		7436
Discharged	78	4,766
Deceased	7	237

DISTRICT-WISE POSITIVE CASES

S No.	District Name	Number of positive cases
1.	GHMC	774
2.	Rangareddy	86
3.	Medchal	53
4.	Rajanna Sircilla	6
5.	Siddipet	3
6.	Warangal(U)	20
7.	Mulugu	2
8.	Vikarabad	1
9.	Mahbubnagar	1
10.	Jagityal	2
11.	Medak	9
12.	Adilabad	7
13.	Bhupalpally	3
14.	Khammam	3
15.	Nagarkurnool	6
16.	Yadadri Bhuvanagiri	2
17.	Nizamabad	6
18.	Miryalguda	1
	Total	985

INSPECTION REPORT ON COVID-19 TESTING BY PRIVATE LABS

- On Tuesday 23/6/2020, a meeting was held at Aarogyasri Office with representatives of the Private Labs who were permitted to do COVID 19 tests and the meeting was addressed by the Hon'ble Minister for HM&FW.
- Clear guidelines for conducting tests were discussed in detail and their doubts clarified.
- On Wednesday i.e.24.6.2020, a lot of discrepancies were reported in the data uploaded by private labs.
- Four teams comprising of Senior Micro Biologists and Senior Officers from State Health Department inspected all the (16) Private Laboratories.
- The Inspection Teams looked at various aspects like infrastructure, human resources, infection control measures and other facilities including general hygiene.
- The Team also has gone through the Registers and the data uploaded by the Labs into ICMR and TS State Portal.
- The Inspection Teams submitted the Report with all the details which were examined by Expert Committee of Micro Biology Professors along with DME and VC, KNRUHS.
- The major findings in the Report observed in some of the Laboratories are as follows:
 - a) Lack of safety measures; Staff were not wearing PPE; Safety Cabinets were not available and poor hygienic conditions.
 - b) There is clear evidence that the staff conducting the Tests have not been trained properly in RTPCR testing for COVID-19.
 - c) Measures for Quality Control and Validation of Tests were not followed in some of the Labs.

- d) Committee also expressed that there is suspicion in some Labs of pooled testing being done, when positive all cases are reported as positive without doing individual testing leading to some negative cases also being shown as positive. It will be studied by Experts using the amplification plots generated by RTPCR machine.
- e) It is also suspected that there is possibility of contamination of samples leading to high positivity rate because safety measures and protocols are not followed meticulously.
- f) Another major concern as can be seen by the data entry into ICMR and State Portals, is the disparity in the numbers uploaded by all the Labs.

Tests Done as per ICMR Portal	Positive Cases as per ICMR Portal	Tests Done as per State Portal	Positive Cases as per State Portal	Tests Done as per Lab Records	Positive Cases as per Lab Records
9577	2076	6733	2836	12700	3571

- g) At one of the Labs in a major hospital, the actual number of tests conducted were 3,940 but they have uploaded only 1,568 tests and shown 475 as positive.
- h) In view of this, the positivity rate percentage is very high which is actually less if the number of all tests done is uploaded.
- i) The Team also observed that at some Labs, Lab area is very congested and hygiene is poor, equipment maintenance is not good.
- j) Some of the Labs are conducting tests for walk-ins, advertising that samples will be collected from different places in the City while Government Guidelines very clearly state that only symptomatic cases and patients admitted in hospitals should be tested and they are also not following ICMR Guidelines.
- k) The Expert Committee will conduct further inspections to study the problem in detail. They also propose that the Senior Micro Biologists will check the

amplification plots and other data in the RTPCR Machine of Private Labs to check whether the reports are correct.

- l) Tendency of some of the private labs is a matter of grave concern as it not only gives false positive reports but also puts other patients visiting these centres and the staff under the threat of spread of COVID-19.
- m) Expert Committee recommends stringent action against some of the Labs for violating the norms and not following Guidelines.
- n) ICMR has also directed Gandhi Medical College to conduct quality control tests for private labs.

ADVISORY AND APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC

PLEASE STAY SAFE BY STAYING AT HOME

AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL

The lockdown has been relaxed since the 16th May 2020. It is being observed that there is a lot of mobility and movement of people from all walks of life and of all age groups.

People are travelling across the state and some of them are not following the basic preventive measures like wearing a mask, maintaining safe physical distancing and overcrowding. There has been a surge in the cases since relaxation of lockdown.

Vulnerable Age Groups: Less than 10yrs children and above 60yrs old people are to avoid going outdoors. They are to stay indoors.

Use of Face Masks: Please do not go out of the house without wearing masks. Face masks are the first line of defense against Covid-19

Physical Distancing: Maintaining a distance of more than 6ft between people is essential. The citizens who go out for purchasing groceries and other essentials are to maintain safe physical distance.

Workspace: The workspaces are to be provided with hand washing facility and sanitizer. Ensure adequate physical distancing between employees.

Travel: The citizens are requested to avoid unnecessary travel. In case it is

unavoidable, they shall ensure all safety measures- use face masks, frequent hand wash, use of sanitizer, safe physical distance etc.

Seek Medical care: In case of any Flu/ Influenza like symptoms such as cough, sore throat, running nose, fever, difficulty in breathing, body pains and headache, please report to the nearest government health facility and seek the required health services without any delay.

Morbidities: People with morbidities like Hypertension, Diabetes, cardiac illness, Chronic kidney disease, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and any other chronic illness are requested to stay indoors and avoid any kind of travel.

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