

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY HEALTH
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

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NOTE

Subject: Review of COVID related aspects in view of the new variant of concern 'OMICRON'

A review meeting was held today to discuss the emergent issues especially because of the new variant of concern 'OMICRON' of COVID-19. The meeting was attended by following:


- i. Director Principal of GMCH-32, Chandigarh Administration
- ii. Director Health Services, Chandigarh Administration
- iii. Medical Superintendent of GMSH-16, Chandigarh Administration
- iv. Dr. Dassari Harish, GMCH-32, Chandigarh Administration
- v. Dr. Manjit Trehan, DIO for UT Chandigarh
- vi. Dr. Upendrajeet Singh Gill, Assistant Director Malaria, Chandigarh Administration
- vii. Dr. Naveen, PGIMER, Chandigarh
- viii. Dr. Sonali, DMS, GMCH-32, GMCH-32, Chandigarh Administration

After detailed deliberations, the following was discussed and decided:


1. COVID Test of the patients in OPD at GMSH-16, Sub-District Hospitals at Sector-22, 45 and Manimajra and at GMCH-32:
 - i. In case of admission, all the patients to be subjected to RAT and RtPCR tests.
 - ii. In case of OPD, all the patients to be subjected to Rapid Antigen Test (RAT). Further:
 - a) All the symptomatic patients to undergo RtPCR test also.
 - b) In case of asymptomatic patients also, the concerned doctor may insist for RtPCR test in addition to RAT.
 - iii. In case of emergency and serious patients, the concerned Doctor may immediately provide the treatment/consultation and get the COVID test done at later stage.
2. At the Health & Wellness Centres also efforts are to be made to start COVID testing for the patients coming in OPD.
3. PGIMER should also increase the COVID testing for patients coming for admission and in OPD there and the testing data to be timely uploaded on the portal.

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4. The COVID vaccination has been demonstrated to be effective against SARS-CoV2 Variants of concern in reducing mortality, morbidity and mortality. It is therefore, of paramount importance immediately accelerate the pace of vaccination. More IEC activities to be undertaken especially for about those 1,80,000 persons who have taken first dose and have completed the mandatory gap but not yet taken their second dose. We may take the assistance of NGOs, Religious Leaders, RWAs, Market Associations and other related organisations to ensure for early completion of whole targeted population.
5. GMCH-32 is in the state of readiness with sufficient number of oxygenated beds and Ventilator beds. In case the occupancy at GMCH-32 reaches about 80%, the hospital at Sector-48 with 121 oxygenated beds (including 17 ventilator beds) will be opened. Similarly, GMSH-16 is also ready with sufficient number of ventilator and oxygenated beds. Special arrangements have been made in Sector-45 hospital for children with sufficient number of ventilator beds. The sub-District Hospitals at Sector-22 and Manimajara are also prepared to take initial care of some patients.
6. Sufficient stock of testing kits are available with all the Hospitals.
7. The critical medicines suggested by the Ministry of Health, Govt of India have been procured and hence sufficient buffer stock is available.
8. Presently there is no issue with the oxygen supply and two new PSA oxygen plants of the capacity of 800 LPM have been recently installed at GMSH-16 and GMCH-32. Both will be functional by the third week of December. Oxygen supply in the Private Hospitals will be reviewed in a separate meeting.
9. Three Mini COVID Care Centres are in the state of temporary closure and can be revived with the notice of 02 or 03 days.
10. DHS to appoint one Nodal Officer with each of the RO for the Municipal Elections and provide all required assistance in accordance with the directions of the State Election Commission and the prevailing ground situation at the particular point of time.
11. All concerned Departments/Officers to ensure compliance of the guidelines being issued by the Government of India from time to time, regarding containment measures, quarantine, contact-tracing, international travellers, different type of restrictions and other related aspects. Such guidelines are automatically applicable on the UT Chandigarh and hence immediate action to be taken by all the concerned authorities.

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12. All concerned authorities to please ensure for enforcement of the COVID protocols and strict measures of challan/fine for not bearing of mask at public places and the persons not bearing mask should be asked to undergo COVID test also.


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Secretary Health

Copy to:

1. Director/Principal, GMCH-32, UT Administration, Chandigarh
2. Director Health Services, GMSH-16, UT Administration, Chandigarh
3. Additional Secretary (Health), UT Administration, Chandigarh
4. Director, Public Relations, UT Administration, Chandigarh

Copy also forwarded to following for information and necessary action:

1. Home Secretary, UT Administration, Chandigarh
2. Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh
3. Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh
4. Senior Superintendent of Police, Security & Traffic-cum-Nodal Officer, Chandigarh Residents Returning from Abroad, UT Chandigarh
5. Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh

Copy to PS to Adviser to Administrator for kind information of the worthy Adviser