

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY HEALTH
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

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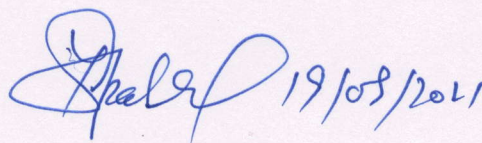
(Directions to Private Hospitals in UT Chandigarh)

Considering the threat of third wave of COVID-19, there is urgency to remain prepared for handling the positivity rate which may be even higher than the second wave during the month of April/May 2021. Next three months i.e. upto 31.12.2021 are very crucial and we need to remain in alert mode.

2. In view of above, all the Private Hospitals in the UT Chandigarh are advised for :

i. **OXYGEN SUPPLY:**

- **Installation of PSA Oxygen Generation Plant :** All the Private Hospitals are advised to install a PSA Oxygen Plant which is mandatory for the hospitals having 50 or more beds. A meeting was taken by the undersigned on 10.09.2021 and all the available information about the technology was shared. Subsequently, the matter has been discussed with the Chief Architect, UT Administration and it has been agreed to allow the permission to install the PSA Plant at the roof top of the private hospitals.
- **D-Type and B-Type Oxygen Cylinders:** Each of the Private Hospital should have enough empty cylinders to take care delay of in the refilling even upto 48 or 72 hours i.e. back up for 2-3 days. Accordingly there should be sufficient number of oxygen cylinders i.e. at least three times of daily requirement.
- **Checking and repair of all the Oxygen pipe lines/equipments:** Oxygen supply pipe line and other equipments need to be immediately tested and be get repaired, if required, to ensure that there is no leakage. There should not be any leakage and the staff should be trained for rational use of the oxygen. Training for optimum utilisation of oxygen was conducted during the second wave and the same can again be conducted with a short notice of 03 days from any of the private hospital. The equipments like flow meters and other consumables should be available in sufficient quantity to take care of any emergency.
- **Oxygen Audit Team :** An Oxygen Audit Team may be formed to check the leakages and other discrepancies in oxygen flow system of the hospital at least on weekly basis. Proper record to be kept for oxygen supplies and its utilisation on daily basis.
- **Oxygen Concentrators :** As a back-up plan and to reduce dependency on oxygen cylinders, there is need to have sufficient number of Oxygen Concentrators (10 Ltrs capacity) equal to number of beds in the Private Hospital.

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- **Fire- safety precautions:** Since Oxygen is a highly supportive to combustion, required number of fire-extinguishers and fire-hydrants should be available in working conditions. A fire-audit need to be got conducted from the Fire Department within next 15 days positively.

Dr. Manjit Singh, Medical Officer, GMSH-16 (Mobile No. 9463488086) may be contacted for further guidance and support on any issue relating to oxygen.

ii. **CRITICAL MEDICINES:**

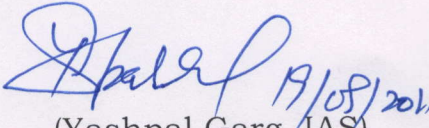
There should be buffer stock of all the critical medicines. The suggestive list of the medicines may be obtained from the Director of Health Services.

- iii. **AMBULANCE SERVICES:** The Ambulances must be equipped with the facilities to handle and transport the oxygenating patients and critical care patients. The ambulance drivers and the staff must be trained in basic life support and ambulance oxygen delivery system so that the patient care can be enhanced for better outcome.

iv. **QUALIFIED MANPOWER:**

To meet the additional requirement of qualified manpower, tie-up should be in place with some manpower supply agency.

Above advise to be considered as instructions under the relevant Act/Rules/Instructions for strict compliance by the all concerned.


(Yashpal Garg, IAS)
Secretary Health

To,

1. All the Private Hospitals in UT Chandigarh (Through Directorate of Health Services)
2. Director Health Services- GMSH-16, UT Administration Chandigarh
3. Director Principal, GMCH-32, UT Administration, Chandigarh
4. Additional Secretary, Health, UT Administration, Chandigarh
5. Dr. Manjit Singh, Medical Officer, GMSH-16, UT Administration Chandigarh (Nodal Officer for Oxygen)
6. Nodal Officer, Clinical Establishment Act, UT Administration, Chandigarh
7. Director Public Relations, UT Administration Chandigarh

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