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<u>Precautionary measures for the Staff posted in the institutions run by Department of Social welfare in view of COVID-19 Pandemic</u>

Directions for Superintendents of Institutions / Homes

- 1) Ensure that staffs have ample facilities to wash their hands, including running water and soap, and cleaning schedules by sanitation Staff are maintained.
- 2. Ensure the availability of Masks and gloves for care-giving staff as per requirement assessed by CMO/MO In charge.
- 3.) The sanitation contractor may be instructed to Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- 4.) Hygiene requirement of the residents of the institution with respect to frequent Hand washing, hand washing after visits to wash-rooms and before meals and maintenance of personal hygiene should be ensured by the care-giving Staff and monitored by the Nursing Officers as well as the welfare officers in the institutions.
- 5.) Visitors should generally be not allowed to visit the home/Institutions. In case of emergency or court directed visits, it should be ensured that visitors follow protocol of hand hygiene by washing hands /use of hand sanitizer and also wearing of mask if required.
- 6.) Outside visits of the residents for any purpose may be curtailed to the minimum in order to protect residents from catching the COVID -19 Infection .whenever required ,to take the resident out in medical emergency or any other contingency , sufficient precaution should be taken in the form of equipping resident and accompanying care-giver with face Mask and hand sanitizer .
- 7.) Hand sanitizer may be placed at the entrance of the institution for use by the staff and emergency visitors before entering the institution

<u>Directions for CMO/Medical Officers of Institutions / Homes</u>

1.) An isolation facility with as many numbers of beds as is feasible and as advised by CMO /Medical Officer In charge should be created to lodge any suspected cases of COVID-19 to prevent further spread of infection.

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- 2.) A new entrant to the institution should be medically screened to rule out any symptoms of COVID -19 especially fever and dry cough. In case a new entrant exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 the resident should be immediately kept in isolation for further medical attention.
- 3.) If any resident develops symptoms indicative of COVID-19, medical staff should immediately isolate the patient and refer for further medical attention and testing as required.
- 4.) All concerned State authorities should be immediately notified in the event of suspected and positive COVID-19 cases.
- 5.) Regular Screening of all residents should be carried out by medical authority in charge to isolate any suspected case of COVID-19.
- 6.) Regular Screening of Staff to rule out symptoms of COVID-19, thermal screening at the gate of institution to screen staff at entry point may be considered as per requirement felt by CMO/ Medical Officer In charge.

<u>Directions for Staff of Institutions / Homes to be conveyed by Superintendent</u>

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with others, especially those who are sick.
- While taking care of hygiene of the resident, such as in sponging ,bathing ,helping them in going to the toilet, maintaining hygiene after visiting Wash-room, changing of bed linen, changing of clothes etc it is advisable that concerned staff namely House Aunty/Care-giver /Nursing Orderly ,Staff Nurse ,Aaya , use masks and gloves whenever advised to do so by the CMO /MO Incharge.
- Refrain from shaking hands with others for the time being.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Staff may be advised to stay at home when they are sick.

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