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Office of the State Appropriate Authority
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Director of Medical and Rural
Health Services, Chennai 600 006
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Sub: COVID 19 – Containment and Management of COVID 19 – Disinfection procedures and general guidelines to private hospitals – Regarding.

Ref: G.O.Ms.No.176 Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department
Dated: 05.04.2020

To combat COVID 19 pandemic, various guidelines has been issued by Government of India and Government of TamilNadu.

It is brought to the notice that many health facilities are being closed down for the purpose of disinfection and fumigation in the event of unforeseen / accidental COVID 19 positivity for the health care providers or the patients. The following general guidelines are issued in the above matter.

1. All patients and attenders has to be provided with facial mask as a precaution.
2. Persons with fever, cough and breathlessness should be directed to separate OPD within the premises for treatment with adequate protective gears.
3. Patients from containment area or with contact history or symptomatic, necessary precautions lie COVID 19 testing with nasal and throat swab test be done.
4. In case of emergencies like surgery/ Labour the suspects to be treated in a separate Labour Room or Operation Theatre with all Personal Protective Equipments for COVID 19.
5. After treating such patients, proper surface disinfection and fumigation of Labour / Operation Theatre Rooms to be performed without fail.

The above measures will prevent closure of whole facility for disinfection and fumigation.

In case of accidental contamination to prevent further spread the facilities may contact Deputy Director of Health Services or Joint Director of Health Services for necessary guidance regarding disinfection.

The contaminated surfaces are to be disinfected with 5% Lysol OR 1% Hypochloride solution as given in the Government order 176, Health and Family Welfare Department Dated 05.04.2020.

The disinfection of whole premises using mechanical sprayers to be carried out in day 1 and to be repeated on 3rd day. On day 4 after thorough cleaning and washing of the hospital premises, followed by fumigation with standard solutions either formaldehyde or glutaraldehyde to be done and allowed for respective contact timings. On the next day, the whole facility has to be washed and prepared for provision of health services.

The list of health care professionals and probable contacts to be provided to district health officials for arranging necessary screening tests at Government health facility. All such tested persons should undergo home quarantine for prescribed period.

The facility managers should co-operate with health officials during the period of closure for disinfection in the larger interest of the society. The closure period should not be adversely publicized in the press or social media.

In general the health care professionals should be administered prophylactic drugs as per ICMR guidelines. Further for health staff, the facility should take responsibility of Personal Protective equipments, Food, stay and transport.

In case of hospitals with Inpatients, necessary arrangements should be done by concerned district health officials to shift the stranded patients to the nearest Government health facility with Isolation wards.

The private practitioners and Indian Medical Association to be encouraged by the district health officials for COVID 19 and non COVID 19 related health services following the protocols of the Government.

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