NOTIFICATION

Sub: Establishment of Fever Clinics and Swab Collection Centres in private hospitals / medical colleges.
Ref: Meeting of private hospitals & medical colleges Chaired by Chief Secretary, Karnataka.

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Government of Karnataka was the first State in the country to come out with the concept of Fever / Flu Clinics. These have been established as first point of contact for persons suffering from COVID-19 like symptoms viz., fever, cold, cough, sore throat, breathlessness etc. Further, the state has improved its daily testing capacity from few hundred tests in April to more than 10,000 now.

The state has more than 600 Fever Clinics and more than 1172 Swab Collection Centres to screen the patients and collect the swab in case the patient is suspected of covid-19. In Bengaluru city the various Urban Public Health Centres have been converted into Fever Clinics. Already 52 Government managed Fever clinics cum Swab Collection Centres are functional. Since the number of ILIs & SARI are increasing therefore, there is need to increase the number of Fever Clinics & Swab Collection Centres. Many private hospitals / all medical colleges in Bengaluru have the capacity to run as Fever Clinic cum Swab Collection Centres.

Therefore, the following order is passed under Sec.2 of Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, read with Karnataka Epidemic Disease Ordinance, 2020 to control the spread of COVID-19 & in the public interest.

ORDER

The private medical colleges and private hospitals attached with this notification are instructed to work as Fever Clinics cum Swab Collection Centres. They should do the triaging of ILI & SARI cases to find COVID suspects, draw the swabs as per testing policy of the State Government, use the software application meant for Fever Clinics & Swab Collection Centres and make the swabs available for transportation to the labs identified by the Government. The transportation of swabs to designated COVID-19 testing Labs will be arranged by the Task Leader for testing in BBMP area. The institution will collect their regular OPD charges for triaging and a
maximum of Rs.350/- for each swab from the patient. The test will be conducted at Government’s cost.

Copy for necessary action:

1) All concerned private medical colleges / hospitals / clinics
2) All notified COVID-19 testing labs.
3) Commissioner, BBMP.
4) Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Dept.
5) Dr. Ravi Kumar Surpur, IAS, Commissioner, Social Welfare Department & Task Leader for testing in and around BBMP for making necessary arrangements for transportation & testing.