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As you may be aware, the numbers of Covid-19 cases in Karnataka is steadily increasing and it is essential to strategize the modality of samples testing by the laboratories to reduce the turn-around time (TAT).

Therefore, it has been decided that the following guidelines be followed by labs with immediate effect:

i) Symptomatic Cases and Primary Contacts coming under Category “A” samples will be done through individual testing.

ii) Asymptomatic and International travellers/ passengers and “others” coming under Category “B” samples will be done through pooled sample testing method (5 samples only).

iii) Dead body samples: “TOP PRIORITY” testing to be done using True NAT and CBNAAT wherever available, if not available individual testing on a priority and results generated within a few hours.

Director
Health and Family Welfare Services

To

1. All District Health and Family Welfare Officers
2. All District Surveillance Officers
3. All Laboratories, Testing COVID-19 samples.

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