No: NVBDCP/EST7C/COVID-19/2020-21

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CIRCULAR

Sub: Conducting COVID-19 RT-PCR tests for teachers, students & non-teaching staff members of colleges, hostels- regarding.

Ref: 1. Order no. ED 334 UNE 2020 regarding SOPs for reopening of colleges in the state, Government of Karnataka dated 09.11.2020
2. Proceedings of the 46th COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee meeting, Department of Health and Family welfare, Government of Karnataka dated 01.11.2020
3. Meeting held on 12.11.2020 under chairmanship of Secretary Higher Education.

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In view of reopening of colleges & hostels in the State from 17th November 2020 onwards and as per SoP issued from Government of Karnataka vide reference (1), all teachers, students & non-teaching staff members of colleges and hostels shall produce a COVID-19 RT-PCR negative test report, which is done within 72 hours before the day of joining.

It is hereby instructed to make necessary arrangements for collecting nasal and throat swabs & testing the same. Further, the health staff should collect the samples from teachers, students and non-teaching staff of both colleges & hostels, without any delays and facilitate quick testing. The test result is being sent as SMS to registered mobile number in ICMR portal or it can be accessed by visiting www.covidwar.karnataka.gov.in/service1, for lab reports.
All labs are hereby instructed to carry-out testing of these samples through pooled (1:5) testing process and upload the results on ICMR portal immediately.

Deputy Commissioners of all districts/ Special Commissioner, Health BBMP need to monitor that the testing is carried out in a smooth manner.

Commissioner
Health & Family Welfare Services

To,
The Deputy Commissioner, _____ District/Special Commissioner, Health BBMP

Copy to,
1. The District Health Officer, _____________ District.
2. The Commissioner, Dept. of Collegiate Education, _____
4. The Commissioner, Dept. of Backward Classes Welfare
5. The Chief Executive Officer- Zilla Panchayath, ____________ District.
6. The Director, Health & F W Services.

Copy submitted to,
1. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Health & F W
3. The Principal Secretary, Dept. of Collegiate Education.
4. The P S to Hon’ble Minister for Collegiate Education,