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HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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From

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Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.

To

All Collector & DMs  
All Municipal Commissioners  
The Director Capital Hospital, BBSR / Director RGH, Rourkela  
All CDM & PHOs

**Sub: -Regarding management of presumptive and suspected COVID cases**

Madam / Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, it has to come to the notice that some patients with suspected symptoms requiring facility care are denied hospitalisation for want of COVID test reports which results in increasing morbidity and mortality. It is mandatory on the part of all Government and Private Hospitals including COVID Health Care facilities to provide due treatment to these patients in the isolation beds for COVID suspects. The protocol attached herewith is to be circulated to all the Hospitals for due implementation.

It is also imperative that those who have given swab for testing should quarantine themselves to prevent transmission to others.

Yours faithfully,

  
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 12503 /H


Dated, 26.04.2021

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Deputy Secretary to Government

## SOP for suspected Symptomatic and presumptive COVID cases

1. Any person with symptoms of ILI/SARI and any other symptom suggestive of COVID-19 when comes to hospital should be subjected to COVID testing and if it is RAT negative, to be re-tested with RTPCR method.
2. Any persons who have given naso-pharyngeal/ throat swab for testing is to be treated as suspect and hence to be quarantined (either home quarantine/ institutional quarantine).
3. No such persons should be denied of hospitalization due to want of COVID test report.
4. All hospitals including Dedicated Covid Care Centres and Covid Hospitals will have earmarked beds for such symptomatic cases segregated properly from COVID positive patients. They are to be treated as per clinical assessment, other laboratory test reports and radiological data available under strict infection prevention and control protocols.
5. Further course of management and relocation of the patient to COVID ward/home isolation can be decided after getting COVID test report following due guidelines.
6. Such persons who are also RTPCR negative but suspected due to clinical features/CT scan/X-Ray/abnormal blood markers for COVID-19 complications should be treated as a **presumptive COVID-19 case** and should be treated as per management protocol for COVID 19 if no other diagnosis is reached..

  
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DPH, Odisha

  
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Special Secretary (PH), Odisha