



**COVID-19 (nCorona) Virus Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell**

**Health & Family Welfare Department**

**Government of Kerala**

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**ADDENDUM TO SAMPLE TESTING, COLLECTION AND TRANSPORT GUIDELINES  
FOR LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS OF NOVEL CORONA VIRUS INFECTION- 1<sup>ST</sup>  
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The addendum is issued in the background of the COVID-19 situation in the state and to facilitate enhancement of testing.

1. The nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swab collection can be performed by trained health care providers like Laboratory Technicians and Staff Nurses.
2. The Lab-in Charge or the Doctor in the swab collection team shall ensure that the Laboratory technician or the Staff Nurse intending to collect the swab is trained by a Doctor. The Lab-in charge or the Doctor in the swab collection team shall supervise the first 20 swab collection procedures done by the Laboratory Technician or the Staff Nurse and shall monitor the procedure daily.

**Principal Secretary**