



**COVID-19 Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell**

**Health & Family Welfare Department**

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**COVID PANDEMIC-IMMEDIATE ACTIONS TO STRENGTHEN PATIENT CARE**

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The state of Kerala is experiencing worst phase of COVID pandemic. The state is taking concerted efforts to contain the epidemic and control measures and provide efficient health and care to the patients.

In order to improve patient care, the following guidelines may be followed

1. Convert Fever Clinic into COVID clinic in all Hospitals and as per the COVID treatment protocol and Referral protocol take actions. COVID OP to provide necessary consultation, lab services and medicines for COVID positive patients as per the protocol.
2. All Government Hospitals to focus on COVID cases management and provide Non Covid emergency services during the surge time till 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021. Appropriate instructions shall be given subsequently.
3. At Taluka Hospitals arrange Oxygen beds and wherever possible arrange at least 5 beds with Bipap ventilators to provide Oxygen support to the referred patients from the field.
4. Attach CSLTC to each Taluka Hospital.
5. At PHC / FHC and all other Hospitals ensure stock of steroids and oral anticoagulants. Refer to the Home Care management advisory and take follow up actions accordingly.
6. If bed ridden patient is positive, Oxygen concentrator may be arranged at home and provide Home care as per the advisory. Provide other treatment support through palliative volunteers/ RRT at Panchyath.





7. Inform the Telemedicine units and Counsellors of DMH program and ensure calls to the patients at Home isolation to asses their health status regularly.
8. Motivate and enforce Private Hospitals to increase Covid oxygen and ICU beds to minimum 50% capacity. Private Hospitals also to start COVID OP with necessary investigation and treatment.
9. Nationally and internationally the Health Care workers now are using disposable gown, gloves, N95 mask and face shield and providing health care to Covid patients. The respective teams in the Hospitals may discuss and appropriately decide at their level regarding the same.

  
Principal Secretary