



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department - COVID19 - Refixing the COVID19 test rates - Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1935/2020/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 21/10/2020

Read GO(Rt)No. 1236/2020/H& FWD dtd 02.07.2020

ORDER

As per the G.O read above, the rates for COVID19 tests at private laboratories were fixed. In the initial phase of COVID19 pandemic, resources such as the testing materials were in a short supply and procurement was difficult. Now ICMR approved test kits are available at lower costs since many industries started producing test kits at competitive prices. The KMSCL through bidding process collected the charges for the test from ICMR and State approved Laboratories.

Government have examined the various tests rates for COVID19 diagnosis offered by the laboratories. The Government have decided to fix the consolidated charges per test as follows:-

Types of test	Price per Test
RTPCR (Open system)	Rs. 2100
Truenat Tests	Rs. 2100
Antigen Tests	Rs. 625
GeneXpert	Rs. 2500

The cost is inclusive of all Personal Protective Equipment, swabbing Charges and any other charges related to the test.

The ICMR and state approved Laboratories/Hospitals can perform the test as per the above consolidated cost per test. They are also allowed to establish STEP Kiosk (Screening Testing Education and Prevention Kiosk) at appropriate places as per the prescribed norms at the airports, railway stations, bus stand and other congregation places to facilitate early detection and COVID pandemic containment activities.

The District Medical Officer shall provide supportive supervision and take appropriate actions.

(By order of the Governor)
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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

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The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram
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