



Kerala HEALTH

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Dear Doctor,

The Department of Health and Family Welfare has taken all out efforts to improve testing facilities in the State. At the start of the COVID19 outbreak we were having no laboratory in the State. From that stage, we have now well-equipped Laboratory set up in all the districts and additional PCR machines from various institutions have augmented the testing capacity.

Therefore, the following reorganization of sample routing is done. All the field surveillance teams doing sample collection and transport may please note the changes so that the time taken to transfer the samples can be avoided and the capacity can be completely utilized.

All the Laboratory in-charge are instructed to ensure that the samples are handled properly and tests are performed in time without any time lag. The Laboratory teams also ensure to follow the safety norms and the testing and communication protocol.

All the DSOs and Laboratory in charge are instructed that at the state level assessment of sample testing is being done. From the State Cell appropriate instructions shall be given regarding any additional samples. The Surveillance team and Testing teams are instructed to follow the specific guidelines issued for particular set of samples.

Principal Secretary

To:
All DSOs,
All Laboratory in-charge
CC to- DHS, DME,
ADHS PH



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REALLOCATION OF LABORATORIES WITH DISTRICTS FOR SENDING ROUTINE COVID SAMPLES FOR TESTING BY RT-PCR

| DISTRICT | LABORATORY |
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| KASARAGOD | CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KERALA |
| KANNUR | MCC THALASSERY & GMC KANNUR |
| KOZHIKODE | GMC KOZHIKODE |
| WAYAND | GMC KOZHIKODE |
| MALAPPURAM | GMC MANJERI |
| PALAKKAD | GMC THRISSUR |
| THRISSUR | GMC THRISSUR |
| ERNAKULAM | GMC ERNAKULAM |
| IDUKKI | IUCBR KOTTAYAM |
| KOTTAYAM | GMC KOTTAYAM |
| ALAPPUZHA | NIV ALAPPUZHA |
| PATHANAMTHITTA | STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB |
| KOLLAM | RGCB TVPM |
| THIRUVANANTHAPURAM | GMC THIRUVANANTHAPURAM & SCTIMST (from GH Tvpm) |