

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DISPUR:: GUWAHATI**

No. HLA.269/2020/117

Dated the 28th of May, 2021

ORDER

Whereas, it has come to our notice that people from outside the State are returning back to the State due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

Whereas, recent trend shows that there is a surge in the positivity rate of COVID-19 cases in the rural areas;

Whereas, prescribed facilities for Home Isolation may not be available in many houses, leading to possible intra-family infections,

Now, therefore, in order to enforce Institutional isolation of the COVID-19 positive cases in the rural areas, the following guidelines are issued for management of COVID-19 positive cases in all the rural areas of Assam:

1. The symptomatic persons in the rural areas should be systematically tested for COVID-19 positive cases on regular basis.
2. No home isolation will be normally allowed for any COVID-19 positive person detected in the rural areas.

However, in exceptional cases, after verifying all the criteria required for home isolation, a few cases can be considered and home isolation allowed strictly according to the criteria and submission of an undertaking to the concerned Circle Officer.

3. One or more community hall/school/similar infrastructure with safe drinking water, sufficient toilet facility and electricity supply shall be identified and earmarked in each rural area as COVID-19 Care Centres(CCCs). In case of deficiencies, immediate necessary actions shall be taken by the Block Development Officer (BDO) in consultation with the Circle Officer concerned and the Local Gaon Panchayat authority to make such structures operational. The District administration and the Local Gaon Panchayat authority shall provide all support in setting up the CCCs and making available existing buildings for the purpose.
4. The nearest CHO and concerned ANM and ASHA shall be made responsible for maintaining the medical facilities in the CCC along with assistance from the Local Gaon Panchayat authority and District administration for other management and administrative supports.
5. The Concerned Circle Officer shall appoint a Government Official to supervise the CCC including logistics and mobility of the patients and for daily reporting.
6. Only asymptomatic COVID positive cases shall be kept in the CCC.



7. Each CCC will be supplied with 3 numbers of Oxymeters, COVID and general medicines required for the patients and other support for refreshment and maintenance of the CCC.
8. Government of Assam has already issued instructions for providing refreshments to the inpatients in CCCs to the tune of Rs 300/- per day and the same shall be made available to all the rural area CCCs as well.
9. Similarly, for maintaining sanitation and hygiene in the CCCs, local employees may be engaged, with all COVID protective gears and training with wages up to Rs. 16,000/- per person, as already allowed for other CCCs, with the approval of Deputy Commissioner.
10. A group of CCCs in nearby villages will be assigned a Vehicle with COVID appropriate protection to carry any inpatient developing serious symptoms to the nearest COVID Hospital/District Hospital. Necessary steps in this regard shall be taken by the Circle Officer concerned.
11. The nearest Medical institution (PHC/CHC/Model Hospital/District Hospital) shall notify a Medical Officer responsible for proper management of patients of these CCCs including daily visits to the CCCs. The Joint Director Health Services shall supervise their activity and ensure sufficient supply of necessary COVID protective materials including masks, gloves, sanitizers, PPEs etc for the personnel engaged in these CCCs.
12. Further, any rural areas where the daily number of new COVID patients is equal or more than 5 or the cumulative active patient count is more than 20 shall be declared as containment zones with immediate effect. However, depending upon the geographic pattern of the rural area, containment zone may be limited to a particular location or a practical unit suitable for containment as recommended by the Local Gaon Panchayat authority and the Local Circle Officer.
13. The residents inside the containment zone are to be provided relief as per relevant guidelines of ASDMA for such instances. Necessary logistical arrangements for the same shall be undertaken by the Circle Officer concerned.
14. The inhabitants within such Containment zones shall be mandatorily tested for COVID-19 and the restrictions shall be lifted only after meeting the criteria specifically mentioned above.
15. The concerned circle officer shall report the status in each rural area under his jurisdiction to the Deputy Commissioner of the district/ SDO(Civil) on daily basis which will be subsequently consolidated and further reported to ASDMA and Health department on daily basis until further orders.
16. The overall responsibility of maintenance of strict COVID-19 appropriate protocol in the rural area including the management of CCCs shall be with the Deputy Commissioner of the district/ SDO(Civil). Necessary expenditures for these activities may be undertaken from the funds available under SDRF or District Health Society following all financial norms.



Further, in order to enforce isolation as well as management of Containment Zone in the rural areas, the following Committees will be notified by the respective district administrations:

A. Constituency Wise Containment Zone/ Home Isolation Management Committee

will be notified by each Deputy Commissioner with following members:

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| 1. | Local MLA | Chairperson |
| 2. | One Representative to be nominated by Minister in charge of district | Co- Chairperson |
| 3. | Circle Officers of the Constituency | Member |
| 4. | BDOs of the Constituency | Member |
| 5. | A Circle Officer/ BDO of the Constituency nominated by DC | Member-Secretary |
| 6. | CDPOs | Member |
| 7. | O/Cs of Police Stations in the Constituency | Members |
| 8. | SDM&HO of health institutions within the Constituency | Member |
| 9. | Deputy Superintendent of CHCs/ PHCs within the Constituency | Member |

In case, a constituency is co-terminus with a Civil sub-division, then the SDO (c) will be Member- Secretary.

The indicative **Terms of Reference of the Committee** are as follows:

- I. Monitoring of institutional isolation centres in the constituency area which may be spread in various blocks/ villages.
- II. Monitoring of food supplies (as per notified Government norms), hygiene, security, medical arrangements etc. in facility isolation.
- III. Monitoring of effective implementation of containment zones.

B. Village Level Containment Zone/ Home Isolation Management Committee

in rural areas will be notified by the concerned Block Development Officer, with following members:

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| 1. | Gaon Panchayat President | Chairperson |
| 2. | Ward Member | Member |
| 3. | Concerned ASHA/ MPW/ ANM | Member |
| 4. | Concerned Anganwadi Worker | Member |
| 5. | Two leading citizens of the village such as Head Master of the local School, Senior Teacher etc. | Members |
| 6. | Gaonburah | Member-Secretary |

The indicative Terms of Reference of the Committee are as follows:

- I. Deciding in case of each person recommended for Home Isolation, whether the person will be isolated in his/her residence or the local community centre, keeping in mind that in case the person stays at his residence, the same will become a containment zone for all residents of that house.
- II. Providing food, hygiene, security, medical arrangements etc. in home / community centre where the isolated person is residing, as per norms.
- III. Food items (as per notified Government norms) for the containment period will be provided by district administration directly to the poor or economically weak families inside the containment zones. Funds for this purpose will be provided as per the Revenue and Disaster Management Department Order No. RGR (RRR) 274/2018/1320 dated 17/05/2021.

This order comes into effect with immediate effect.



(Anurag Goel, IAS)

Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam
Health & Family Welfare Department


Dated the 28th of May, 2021.

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Copy to:-

1. Chief Secretary, Assam.
2. Director General of Police, Assam.
3. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
4. Principal Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Assam.
5. ADGP (L&O)/ ADGP (S), Assam.
6. Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary, Labour Welfare Department, Assam.
7. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam, Guwahati-5
8. Joint Secretary, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Assam.
9. Director of Health Services, Assam, Hengerabari, Guwahati-36.
10. Director of Health Services (FW), Assam, Hengerabari, Guwahati-36.
11. Director of AYUSH, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
12. CEO, Atal Amrit Abhuyan, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22
13. Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-22.
14. Principal-cum-Chief Superintendents/ Superintendents of all Medical Colleges of Assam.
15. All Deputy Commissioners/ Sub- Divisional Officers (all districts).
16. All Superintendents of Police.
17. Joint Director of Health Services (all districts).
18. The SO to Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
19. PS to Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
20. PS to Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Assam, Dispur.
21. Any other concerned.

By order etc.,


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