

Government of India (भारत सरकार)  
Ministry of Railways (रेल मंत्रालय)  
Railway Board (रेलवे बोर्ड)

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New Delhi dated 22.12.2022.

The General Managers  
All Indian Railways,  
including all PUs.

PCAO/ PLW, CAO/ RWP  
DG/RDSO

**Sub: - COVID-19 precaution doses to Railway beneficiaries.**

In view of spreading of COVID-19 cases in different countries all over the world. To overcome the situation our strategy should be a combination of vigilance through clinical and pandemic surveillance, scenario based planning and keeping all the systems on alert for a rapid, scale up response when needed.

Our focus and sustained effort should be on fivefold strategy of test- track-treat- vaccination and adherence to COVID Appropriate Behaviour.

Railways and Production Units to make necessary arrangement for procurement of Vaccine and encourage all Railway beneficiaries to take COVID-19 precaution dose.

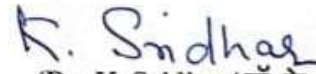
In this regard, Railways and Production Units to organise multiple vaccination camps at Railway health facilities, work places, different stations etc. Welfare Inspectors, Supervisors of different departments, Scout and Guides are to be roped in to make it successful.

It is requested that as far as possible samples of positive cases on daily basis may be sent to designated INSACOG Genome Sequencing Laboratories (IGSL) that are mapped to state and UT in co-ordination with state nodal authorities.

Railways and PUs to be in touch with state nodal authorities regarding directives issued by states for managing COVID-19.

A letter of Secretary Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) is also enclosed for necessary action please.

DA:As above

  
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*Dear Colleague,*

India with its focus on five-fold strategy of test-track-treat-vaccination and adherence to COVID Appropriate Behavior has been able to restrict the transmission of Covid-19 virus and is having around twelve hundred cases on a weekly basis. Public Health challenge of Covid-19 still persists around the world with around thirty-five lakh cases reported weekly.

2. The 'Operational Guidelines for Revised Surveillance Strategy in context of COVID-19' issued by Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in June, 2022 calls for early detection, isolation, testing, and timely management of suspected and confirmed cases to detect and contain outbreaks of new SARS-CoV-2 variants. Therefore, monitoring the trends of existing variants is of crucial importance.
3. In view of the sudden spurt of cases being witnessed in Japan, United States of America, Republic of Korea, Brazil and China, it is essential to gear up the whole genome sequencing of positive case samples to track the variants through Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) network. Such an exercise will enable timely detection of newer variants, if any, circulating in the country and will facilitate undertaking of requisite public health measures for the same.
4. In this context, all states are requested to ensure that as far as possible samples of all positive cases, on a daily basis, are sent to the designated INSACOG Genome Sequencing Laboratories (IGSLs) that are mapped to the States and UTs.
5. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare commends the consistent hard work put in by all States/UTs and will continue to extend required support to all states in this regard.

*Harm Regards.*

Yours sincerely

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**Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health) of all States/UTs**

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