

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MOHFW)

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Guidelines for Management of Co-infection of COVID-19 with Other Seasonal Epidemic Prone Diseases		
12.10.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the guidelines to provide clear guidelines on prevention and treatment of co-infections of COVID with diseases like Dengue, Malaria, Seasonal Influenza (H1N1), Leptospirosis, Chikungunya etc.</i>
Encouraging Youth to Advocate Against Stigma and Discrimination During COVID-19		
12.10.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the guidance note for young people and develop them as youth advocates and raise their voice against stigma and discrimination during the COVID-19 pandemic.</i>
Environmental and Social Management Framework for India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project		
09.10.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the report on emergency response and health systems preparedness projects.</i>
SOP on Preventive Measures to be Followed in Entertainment Parks and Similar Places to Contain Spread of COVID-19		
08.10.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the standard operating procedures outlining various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be ensured at Entertainment Parks and similar places to prevent spread of COVID-19</i>
Reimbursement of OPD Medicines to CS (MA) Beneficiaries: Special Sanction in View of COVID-19 till 31 December 2020		
08.10.2020	No. S.11011/12/2020-EHS	<i>The MoHFW published an office memorandum to further extend the reimbursement mechanism of OPD medicines for a further period of 3 (three) months i.e. upto December 31, 2020.</i>
Standard Operating Procedures on Preventive Measures to Contain Spread of COVID-19 During Festivities		
06.10.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the standard operating procedures to prevent spread of COVID-19 infection, during the festive months of October to December.</i>
Post COVID management protocol		

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13.09.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the advisory to provide an integrated holistic approach for managing patients who have recovered enough from COVID for care at home.</i>
Revised SOP on Preventive Measures to be Followed while Conducting Examinations to Contain Spread of Covid-19		
10.09.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the SOP to plan and conduct examinations, while following specific preventive measures to contain the spread of Covid-19.</i>
SOP For Partial Reopening of Schools For Students Of 9th To 12th Classes On A Voluntary Basis, For Taking Guidance From Their Teachers		
08.09.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the SOP to outline various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be taken when schools are permitting students(for 9th to 12th class) in the specific context detailed at para-1 above, to prevent spread of COVID-19. All States/UTs are expected to comply with the COVID-19 related guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.</i>
SOP On Preventive Measures to Contain Spread Of COVID-19 In Skill or Entrepreneurship Training Institutions, Higher Educational Institutions		
08.09.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the SOP to enable safe resumption of teaching/training activities in skill or entrepreneurship training institutions, higher educational institutions conducting doctoral courses and post graduate studies in technical & professional programs requiring laboratory /experimental work.</i>
Manual for Surveillance Teams for Containment Zones		
05.09.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the manual for surveillance team for containment zones.</i>
Containment and Surveillance Manual For Supervisors In Containment Zones		
05.09.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the advisory on containment and surveillance manual for supervisors in containment zones.</i>
Advisory on Strategy for COVID-19 Testing in India		
04.09.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the advisory note on strategy for covid-19 testing in India.</i>
Reimbursement of OPD Medicines to CS (MA) Beneficiaries		



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03.09.2020	No. S.11011/12/2020-EHS	<i>The MoHFW published the office memorandum for extension of the office memorandum dated April 1, 2020, May 5, 2020, June 3, 2020 on the captioned subject for a further period up to September 30, 2020.</i>

Guidance note on bi-directional TB-COVID screening

26.08.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the guidance note in order to address the dual morbidity of Tuberculosis and COVID-19, and suggested to undertake the following activities: (a) Bi-directional TB-COVID screening; (b) TB screening for ILLcases; and (c) TB screening for SARICases.</i>
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Clinical Guidance on Diabetes Management at COVID-19 Patient Management Facility

26.08.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the guidelines for management of diabetes patients at the COVID-19 Patient Management Facility.</i>
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Guidelines on Safe Ophthalmology Practices in Covid-19 Scenario

19.08.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published the guidelines to minimize the spread of Covid-19 infection among Ophthalmologist, Ophthalmic assistants/technicians, nurses, support staff, patients and their attendants.</i>
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Guidelines on Preventive Measures to Contain Spread of COVID-19 in Yoga Institutes & Gymnasiums

03.08.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW, published the guidelines on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in yoga institutes and gymnasiums.</i>
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Guidelines for International Arrivals

02.08.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW, in suppression of guidelines issued on May 24, 2020, published the guidelines for passengers arriving in India and listed the criteria in relation to: (a) before planning for travel; (b) before boarding; (c) during travel; and (d) on arrival. These guidelines shall be in effect from August 8, 2020.</i>
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COVID-19 Pandemic and Tobacco Use in India

28.07.2020	--	<i>The MoHFW published a note on ill-impact of smoking -cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, pan masala and the like products on human immunity and makes a person more susceptible to COVID-19.</i>
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Exemption of Hand Sanitizer from Sale Licence

27.07.2020	S.O. 2451(E)	<i>The MoHFW vide notification dated July 27, 2020 in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 26B of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, directed that the hand sanitizer shall be exempted from the requirement of sale licence for</i>
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its stocking or sale under the provisions of Chapter IV of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, subject to the condition that provisions of condition (17) of rule 65 of the said Rules are complied with by the person stocking or selling hand sanitizers.

Registration Validity of Existing Registration Certificate for Import of Drugs

27.07.2020	S.O. 2450(E)	<i>The MoHFW vide notification dated July 27, 2020 in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 26B of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, directed that notwithstanding anything contained in rule 28A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, for import of drugs for sale or distribution, if an existing Registration Certificate holder under the said rules, makes an application for a fresh Registration Certificate before the expiry of the existing certificate, the existing Registration Certificate shall be valid until orders are passed on the application and shall be deemed to be valid for all purposes.</i>
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Advisory for Gated Residential Complexes with Regards to COVID-19

17.07.2020	--	<i>The Directorate General of Health Services released the advisory for gated residential complexes with regards to Covid-19.</i>
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Guidelines for Gated Residential Complexes Desirous of Setting Up Small Covid Care Facility by Resident Welfare Associations/ Residential Societies/ Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

17.07.2020	--	<i>The Directorate General of Health Services released the guidelines for gated residential complexes desirous of setting up small COVID care facility by resident welfare associations/ residential societies/ non-governmental organizations.</i>
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Guidance on Caring for Health Care Warriors-Mental Health Support During COVID -19

15.07.2020	—	<i>The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka ad Department of Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, published the guidance document on caring of healthcare professionals and providing them mental health support during COVID -19.</i>
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Fixation of rate PCR Test for COVID -19 in respect of Central Service (Medical Attendance) Beneficiaries

13.07.2020	File No. S-11011/12/2020-EHS	<i>The MoHFW published the office memorandum for fixation of rates of PCR Test for COVID -19.</i>
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Guidance for General Medical and Specialised Mental Health Care Settings

04.07.2020	—	<i>The MoHWF to deal with the issues of mental health in times of COVID-19 pandemic, published the guidance for general medical and specialised mental</i>
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		<i>health care settings.</i>
Clinical Management Protocol for COVID-19		
03.07.2020	Version 5	<i>The MoHWF published the revised protocol for clinical management.</i>
Revised Guidelines for Home Isolation of Very Mild / Pre-Symptomatic / Asymptomatic COVID-19 Cases		
02.07.2020	—	<i>In view of large number of asymptomatic cases, the MoHWF published the guidelines for: (i) patients eligible for home isolation; (ii) under what condition the medical attention should be sought; (iii) roles of state / district health authorities; (iv) when to discontinue home isolation.</i>
Clinical Management Protocol for COVID-19		
27.06.2020	Version 4	<i>The MoHWF published the protocol for clinical management.</i>
Second Interim National Guidance to Blood Transfusion Services in India in light of Covid-19 Pandemic		
26.06.2020	OM S-12016/99/2019-NACO (NBTC)	<i>The MoHFW published the second interim national guidance to blood transfusion services in India in relation to: (i) exclusion criteria for donors to maintain blood safety, infection control measures, etc. (ii) criteria for post donation care; (iii) recommendation on testing of blood and blood components for COVID-19 pathogen reduction technologies; (iv) incorporation of guidance issued by NBTC to state blood transfusion councils for promotion of voluntary blood donation to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 pandemic blood connection, etc.</i>
Advisory for Managing Health Care Workers Working in COVID and Non-COVID Areas of the Hospital		
18.06.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW published this advisory to provide guidance on preventive measures, isolation and quarantine of health care functionaries working in COVID and non-COVID areas of the hospital.</i>
Clinical Management Protocol for COVID-19		
13.06.2020	Version 3	<i>The MoHWF published the protocol for clinical management.</i>
Guidelines for Hotels on Preventive Measures to Contain Spread of COVID-19		
12.06.2020	—	<i>The MoHWF published the guidelines dealing with preventive measures to be adopted by hotels.</i>



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Guidelines for Offices on Preventive Measures to Contain Spread of COVID-19		
12.06.2020	—	<i>The MoHWF published the guidelines dealing with preventive measures to be adopted by offices.</i>
Guidelines for Religious Places on Preventive Measures to Contain Spread of COVID-19		
12.06.2020	—	<i>The MoHWF published the guidelines dealing with preventive measures to be adopted by religious places.</i>
Guidelines for Restaurants on Preventive Measures to Contain Spread of COVID-19		
12.06.2020	—	<i>The MoHWF published the guidelines dealing with preventive measures to be adopted by restaurant.</i>
Guidelines for Shopping Malls on Preventive Measures to Contain Spread of COVID-19		
12.06.2020	—	<i>The MoHWF published the guidelines dealing with preventive measures to be adopted by shopping malls.</i>
SOP on Preventive Measures to Contain Spread of COVID-19 in Offices		
04.06.2020	—	<i>The MoHWF published the SOP outlining the preventive and response measures to be observed to contain the spread of COVID-19 in office settings. The document is divided into following sub sections: (a) generic preventive measures to be followed at all times; (b) measures specific to offices; (c) measures to be taken on occurrence of case; and (d) disinfection procedures to be implemented in case of occurrence of suspect/confirmed case.</i>
SOP On Preventive Measures to Contain Spread of COVID-19 in Religious Places / Places of Worship		
04.06.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW published the SOP outlining various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be ensured in religious places / places of worship to prevent spread of COVID-19.</i>
SOP on Preventive Measures in Restaurants to Contain Spread of COVID-19		
04.06.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW published the SOP outlining various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be ensured in restaurants to prevent spread of COVID-19.</i>
SOP on Preventive Measures in Shopping Malls to Contain Spread of COVID-19		



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04.06.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW published the SOP outlining various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be ensured in shopping malls to prevent spread of COVID-19.</i>
SOP on Preventive Measures in Hotels and Other Hospitality Units to Contain Spread of COVID-19		
04.06.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW published the SOP outlining various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be ensured in hotels and other hospitality units to prevent spread of COVID-19.</i>
Reimbursement of OPD Medicines to CS (MA) Beneficiaries: Special Sanction in view of COVID - 19		
03.06.2020	S.1101/12/2020-EHS	<i>The MoHFW published an office memorandum extended the timelines till July 31, 2020 for reimbursement of OPD medicines to CS (MA) beneficiaries.</i>
Guidelines for Safe ENT Practice in COVID-19		
03.06.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW published a guidelines for safe ENT practice in COVID-19, which comprises of: (a) protocol and SOP for ENT OPD; (b) protocol for ENT and head and neck surgery ward; and (c) guidelines for operation theatre for ENT surgeries.</i>
Advisory on Re-Processing and Re-Use of Eye Protection - Goggles		
27.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW published a guidance note to enable individuals to reuse goggles used by them thus allowing an extended use without risk of contracting infection.</i>
Guidance Note on Essential RMNCAH+N Services During and Post COVID		
27.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW published a guidance note on provision of reproductive, maternal, new born, child, adolescent health plus nutrition (RMNCAH+N) services during & post COVID-19 Pandemic.</i>
Guidelines for International Arrivals		
24.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW published the guidelines to be followed by the travellers arriving into India from abroad.</i>
Guidelines for Domestic Travel (Air/Train/Inter-State Bus Travel)		
24.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW published the guidelines to be followed by the passengers travelling domestically by aircraft, train or bus.</i>



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Revised Advisory on The Use of Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) As Prophylaxis For COVID-19 Infection		
22.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW published the revised advisory on the use of Hydroxychloroquine as Prophylaxis for COVID-19 infections.</i>
Guidance Note for Immunization Services During and Post COVID Outbreak		
21.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW published a guidance note for immunization services during and post Covid situation.</i>
Guidelines for Dental Professionals in Covid-19 Pandemic Situation		
19.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW has published these guidelines to address the dental services in the country and: (a) healthcare workers who are required to attend dental ailments in remote locations in the government sector; (b) dental surgeons working in PHC/ small towns and different locations; (c) dental surgeons working in government and private hospital setups; and (d) dental surgeons working in cities with solo or multi-speciality practice.</i>
Guidelines on Preventive Measures to Contain Spread of COVID-19 in Workplace Settings		
18.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW has published the guidelines in order to prevent importation of infection in workplace settings and to respond in a timely and effective manner in case suspect case of COVID-19 is detected in these settings, so as to limit the spread of infection.</i>
Revised Strategy for COVID-19 Testing in India		
18.05.2020	Version 5	<i>The MoHFW has published the 5th version of the strategy for COVID-19 testing in India.</i>
Guidelines for Categorization of Districts as Hotspot, Red, Orange or Green Zone		
17.05.2020	D.O.No.Z.28015/19/2020-EMR (Pt.)	<i>The MoHFW vide letter dated May 17, 2020 detailed the guidelines for categorization of districts as hotspot, red, orange or green zone.</i>
Updated Cluster Containment Plan for COVID-19		
16.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW has prepared the updated cluster containment plan for COVID-19.</i>
Updated Containment Plan for Large Outbreaks of COVID-19		



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16.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW has prepared the updated containment plan for large outbreaks of COVID-19.</i>
Preparedness and Response to COVID-19 in Urban Settlements		
16.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW has prepared the guidelines for informal settlement within cities that may have mushroomed due to migration have inadequate housing and poor living conditions.</i>
Advisory for Managing Health Care Workers Working in COVID and Non-COVID Areas of the Hospital		
15.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW has prepared the advisory for health care personnel working in hospitals are at increased risk of acquiring the COVID-19 disease, if there is a breach in the personal protection while managing patients.</i>
Updated Additional Guidelines on Rational Use of Personal Protective Equipment (Setting Approach for Health Functionaries Working in Non-COVID Areas)		
15.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW has updated the guidelines for health care workers and others working in Non COVID hospitals and Non-COVID treatment areas of a hospital which has a COVID block. This guideline uses “settings” approach to guide the type of personal protective equipment to be used in a different setting.</i>
Guideline for RT-PCR Based Pooled Sampling for Migrants/Returnees from Abroad/Green Zones		
14.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW has published the guidelines for one time usage of RT-PCR based pooled sampling for surveillance purposes for migrant workers in institutional quarantine facilities, international passengers in institutional quarantine facilities/hotels ear-marked for quarantine and for surveillance purposes in green zones (districts with no case/no case reported in last 21 days).</i>
District Level Facility Based Surveillance for COVID-19		
11.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW has published the guidelines to monitor the trend in prevalence of SARS-COV2 infection at district level.</i>
Revised Guidelines for Home Isolation of very Mild/Pre-Symptomatic COVID-19 Cases		



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10.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW has published the revised guidelines, which are in addition to the guidelines on appropriate management of suspect/confirmed case of COVID-19 issued by MoHFW on April 7, 2020.</i>
Revised Discharge Policy for COVID-19		
08.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW has published the revised discharge policy for COVID-19 concerning: (a) mild/very mild/pre-symptomatic cases; (b) moderate cases admitted to dedicated covid health centre (oxygen beds); (c) severe cases including immunocompromised (hiv patients, transplant recipients, malignancy).</i>
Additional Guidelines for Quarantine of Contacts / Isolation of Suspect or Confirmed cases in Private Facilities		
—	—	<i>The MoHFW has issued the additional guidelines for quarantine of contacts / isolation of suspect or confirmed cases in private facilities.</i>
Guidance document on appropriate management of suspect/ confirmed cases of COVID-19: Railway Coaches – COVID Care Centre		
06.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW has published this guidance document for the purpose of utilizing railway coaches for COVID Care Centre. Wherein such coaches will be used for the cases suspected/ confirmed, and categorized 'into very mild/ mild as per this document.</i>
Additional guidelines on rational use of Personal Protective Equipment (setting approach for Health functionaries working in non-COVID areas)		
01.05.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its public notification dated May 01, 2020, announced additional guidelines on rational use of personal protective equipment (setting approach for Health functionaries working in non-COVID areas), in light of the COVID-19 situation. These guidelines are aimed at healthcare workers in non-COVID hospitals or healthcare workers working in non-COVID areas of hospitals having a COVID block.</i>
Guidelines for Home Isolation of very mild/pre-symptomatic COVID-19 cases		
27.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, on April 27, 2020, published a guidance document which inter alia contains specific guidelines for home isolation of very mild/pre-symptomatic COVID-19 cases.</i>
Promulgation of an Ordinance to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 in the light of the pandemic situation of COVID-19		



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22.04.2020	No. 5 of 2020	<i>The MoHFW, through its gazette notification dated April 22, 2020, made an ordinance to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, making acts of violence against healthcare personnel fighting COVID-19 pandemic as cognizable and non-bailable offences.</i>

Guidelines for importation of human remains of COVID-19 patients/suspects

21.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated April 21, 2020, announced the guidelines for importation of human remains of COVID-19 patients/suspects.</i>
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Directions from Ministry of Home Affairs to State for promotion of Voluntary Blood Donation

20.04.2020	S-12016/99/2019 NACO (BTC)	<i>The MoHFW, through its direction dated April 20, 2020, announced the direction of the Ministry of Home Affairs to State for promotion of voluntary blood donation activities in the said states.</i>
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Guidelines to be followed on detection of suspect/confirmed COVID-19 case in a non-COVID Health Facility

20.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated April 20, 2020, announced the guidelines to be followed upon the detection of a suspect/confirmed COVID-19 case in a non-COVID Health Facility and the subsequent steps to be taken to address and control the said situation.</i>
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Measures undertaken to ensure safety of health workers drafted for COVID-19 services

20.04.2020	D.O. No. Z-20015/217/2019-ME-I (Pt. I)	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated April 20, 2020, announced the details of the measures undertaken to ensure safety of health workers drafted for COVID-19 services.</i>
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Advisory against spraying of disinfectant on people for COVID-19 management

18.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its advisory dated April 18, 2020, announced that in lieu of the fact that the ministry has received several queries regarding usage of disinfectants on the human body, they are releasing the said advisory which assesses the merits of the same.</i>
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Modification in medical list in Telemedicine Practice Guidelines

18.04.2020	MCI-211(2)/2019(Ethics)/201874	<i>The MoHFW, through its gazette notification dated April 18, 2020, made a modification to the telemedicine practice guidelines (TPG). The said modification has been done by the Board of Governors in supersession of the Medical Council of India, by virtue of exercise of the powers bestowed upon and it adds certain drugs used in the psychiatry practice to list A of the Annexure 1 to the TPG.</i>
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Updated containment plan for large outbreaks novel coronavirus disease 2019

17.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated April 17, 2020, announced its updated containment plan for large outbreaks novel coronavirus disease 2019. The said plan analysis the background of the pandemic, the current situation and evaluates a strategic plan for the containment of the same.</i>
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Office Memorandum in relation to consolidated revised guidelines on the measures to be taken by ministries / department of Government of India, State/ UT Government for containment of COVID-19

16.04.2020	Z.28015/17/2020-Estt.I	<i>The MoHFW through its office memorandum dated April 16, 2020, announced the consolidated revised guidelines on the measures to be taken by ministries / department of Government of India, State/ UT Government for containment of COVID-19.</i>
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Advisory to spread awareness to general public for the use of COVID-19 medicines

16.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its advisory dated April 16, 2020, announced important updates with regards to the availability and use of necessary medications in the country, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.</i>
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Advisory on feasibility of using pooled samples for molecular testing of COVID-19

15.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its advisory dated April 15, 2020, announced that in lieu of the fact that the COVID-19 cases in India are rising exponentially, in order to test at a rapid rate, it may be advisable to do a pool screening of sample followed by individual testing if the pool tests positive.</i>
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Advisory for ensuring safe drinking water during lock down and effective management of pandemic caused by Corona Virus

14.04.2020	Annex	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated April 14, 2020, has announced an advisory for ensuring safe drinking water during lock down and effective management of pandemic COVID-19.</i>
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Guidance note on enabling delivery of essential health services during the COVID-19 outbreak

14.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated April 14, 2020, has announced a guidance note on enabling delivery of essential health services during the COVID-19 outbreak. This was done to ensure delivery of essential health care for specific population sub-groups, while ensuring the safety of health workers.</i>
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National guidance to blood transfusion services in India, in light of Covid-19 Pandemic



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09.04.2020	S-12016/56/2020-NACO(BS)	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated April 09, 2020, has announced a national guidance document which provides guidelines for blood transfusion services in India, in light of Covid-19 Pandemic.</i>

Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19

08.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated April 08, 2020, has announced an accidental insurance scheme for the health care workers in case of loss of life due to COVID 19 and accidental death due to COVID 19 related duty. This scheme gives a sum of Indian Rupees Fifty Lakhs, to the claimant of the insured and the benefit under the said scheme is in addition to any other amount payable under any other scheme.</i>
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Addressing social stigma associated with COVID-19

08.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW through its notification dated April 08, 2020 tried to address the situation of social stigma, social isolation and hostility being faced by the healthcare workers, police personnel, and other members who are in the frontlines of the fight against COVID 19. The ministry issued a list of do's and don't's in order to be responsible citizens at this time and negate prejudices.</i>
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Release of funds to state / UTs under NHM for emergency response and health system preparedness package for COVID-19

07.04.2020	O.O. No. V/14013/01/2020-B (NHM) Part V	<i>The MoHFW through its notification dated April 07, 2020 announced that the government has COVID 19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package, which is completely funded by the central government and which will be released in three phases. The aim of the said package is to provide emergency response, preparedness, strengthening state and central health care systems, procurement of essential drugs etc.</i>
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Revised Guidelines for Dialysis of COVID –19 patients

07.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated April 07, 2020, has announced a revised guidance document which revised the guidelines (earlier provided on April 01, 2020) provided for conducting dialysis in patients suffering from chronic kidney diseases in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.</i>
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Guidance document on appropriate management of suspect/confirmed cases of COVID-19

07.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated April 07, 2020, has announced a guidance document which provides guidelines for the appropriate management of suspect/confirmed cases of COVID-19.</i>
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Ayurveda's immunity boosting measures for self care during COVID 19 crisis		
07.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated April 07, 2020, has announced a guidance document which provides several Ayurveda techniques to boost immunity and enhance self care during the current Pandemic.</i>
Guidelines for Dialysis of COVID –19 patients		
01.04.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated April 01, 2020, has announced a guidance document which provides for conducting dialysis in patients suffering from chronic kidney diseases in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.</i>
Revised Guidelines on Clinical Management of COVID –19		
31.03.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its guidance document dated March 31, 2020, announced guidelines intended for clinicians taking care of hospitalised adult and paediatric patients of COVID 19. It aims to provide clinicians with updated guidance on timely, effective, and safe supportive management of patients with COVID 19.</i>
Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for transporting a suspect/confirmed case of COVID-19		
31.03.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW through its notification dated March 31, 2020, announced a SOP that is intended to guide and be used for training ambulance drivers and technicians in transporting COVID-19 patients. It also aims to support programme officers in monitoring functionality and infection prevention protocols of the ambulances.</i>
Guidelines on disinfection of common public places including offices		
31.03.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW through its notification dated March 31, 2020, announced guidelines which aim to provide guidance about the environmental cleaning/ decontamination of common public places including offices in areas reporting COVID-19. In terms of these guidelines, public places have been divided into (i) indoor areas; (ii) outdoor areas; and (iii) public toilets. Disinfection strategies and guidelines for each of these 3 (three) areas have been provided in the document.</i>
A detailed note on 'Minding our Minds During the COVID-19'		
31.03.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, on March 31, 2020, published a guidance document which inter alia contains guidance on understanding the importance of the lockdown imposed across the country, strategies to handle social isolation, handling emotional problems, recognition of mental health problems, and contact details of the mental health helpline.</i>



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Guidance document on taking care of mental health of elderly during COVID-19		
31.03.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, on March 31, 2020, published a specialized guidance document for elderly which contains guidance on understanding the importance of the lockdown imposed across the country, strategies to handle social isolation, handling emotional problems, recognition of mental health problems, and contact details of the mental health helpline.</i>
Guidance document on taking care of mental health of children during COVID-19		
31.03.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, on March 31, 2020, published a specialized guidance document for children which contains guidance on understanding the importance of the lockdown imposed across the country, strategies to handle social isolation, handling emotional problems, recognition of mental health problems, and contact details of the mental health helpline.</i>
Preliminary Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) - India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project		
27.03.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through its notification dated March 27, 2020, announced the India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project, which is a part of the World Bank's Fast Track COVID Response Programme. The said project will be for four years and has a budget of United States Dollars One Billion, and will help the country structure and armour its response against this global pandemic.</i>
Regulation of sale of 'Hydroxychloroquine'		
26.03.2020	GSR 219(E)	<i>The MoHFW through its gazette notification dated March 26, 2020, announced that sale of any preparation containing the drug 'Hydroxychloroquine' would require a valid prescription from a registered medical professional. In terms of this notification, the drug 'Hydroxychloroquine' is essential in fight against COVID-19 and it is necessary and expedient to regulate and restrict its sale and distribution and for preventing its misuse.</i>



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Doorstep delivery of drugs specified in Schedule H except narcotics, psychotropics and controlled substances as defined in the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and the drugs as specified in Schedule H1 and Schedule X of the D&C Rules, by retail		
26.03.2020	GSR 220(E)	<i>The MoHFW through its gazette notification dated March 26, 2020, announced that since the central government has allowed the retail sale of drugs to the doorstep of consumers it is important to regulate the same specially the doorstep delivery of drugs specified in Schedule H except narcotics, psychotropics and controlled substances as defined in the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and the drugs as specified in Schedule H1 and Schedule X of the D&C Rules, by retail.</i>
Telemedicine Practice Guidelines		
25.03.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW through its notification dated March 25, 2020, announced the Telemedicine Practice Guidelines which are guidelines for the registered medical practitioners setting out the scope of the telemedicine practice and guidelines which will help to effortlessly render the same.</i>
Guidelines for COVID-19 testing in private laboratories in India		
21.03.2020	F.No.Z.28015/23/2020-EMR	<i>The MoHFW through its notification dated March 21, 2020, announced that in order to meet the need to have widespread testing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, they are providing detailed guidelines for COVID-19 testing in private laboratories in India.</i>
Environmental And Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) - India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project		
20.03.2020	—	<i>The MoHFW, through the document dated March 20, 2020, announced that India will implement the Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness project and this ESCP sets out material measures and actions, any specific documents or plans, as well as the timing for each of the Environmental and Social Standards.</i>
Prohibition on the import of (i) Chenodeoxycholic acid extracted and prepared from porcine sources; and (ii) Ursodeoxycholic acid extracted and prepared from porcine sources		
16.03.2020	GSR 180(E)	<i>The MoHFW through its notification dated March 16, 2020, announced the prohibition on the import of (i) Chenodeoxycholic acid extracted and prepared from porcine sources; and (ii) Ursodeoxycholic acid extracted and prepared from porcine sources.</i>



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Introduction of Concept of Marketer in the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945

11.02.2020

GSR 101(E)

The MoHFW, through its gazette notification dated February 11, 2020, notified the Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Rules, 2020. In terms of this amendment, the concept of a 'marketer' has been introduced in the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules.

