

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

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**PRESS RELEASE ON PAYMENT MECHANISM FOR TESTING AND ISOLATION**

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Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Meghalaya has put in place a system of testing every individual entering the State on arrival, followed by quarantine, and this process has helped in keeping control of the spread of the pandemic to a great extent. The same has been continued till date, where all those entering the State are tested with the Rapid Antigen Test free of cost at the entry points. However, with time the inflow of people to the State has been steadily increasing as economic activities are gradually opening up in a phased manner. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has also issued notifications to all States and Union Territories for resuming its economic activities so that livelihood activities of many individuals are further not affected in the midst of the pandemic. Therefore, in view of the increase in inflow of people into the State, the increase in number of cases, and more importantly, the lengthy duration that the pandemic is expected to last, the State has considered putting in place a new mechanism of payment for testing and isolation.

In this regard and for the notice of all local authorities and the general public, it is hereby informed that testing at all entry points would be charged from the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 onwards. Additionally, testing on payment basis has also been made available for people who need COVID certification before leaving to other States for work or personal matters and also for those who would like to self-refer themselves for testing in case of any qualms.

Details of the payment mechanism are detailed below:

**Payment for testing**

1. Testing at entry points would be done through Rapid Antigen Test at a cost of Rs. 500.00 per test.
2. For other tests like CBNAAT/TrueNat/RT-PCR, the cost is priced at Rs. 3200.00 per test  
These tests are carried out in the following hospitals as of today:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Nazareth Hospital, Shillong</li><li>ii. Bethany Hospital, Shillong</li><li>iii. H.G. Roberts Hospital, Shillong</li></ol>  | } | Private Facility    |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>iv. Pasteur Institute, Shillong.</li><li>v. Civil Hospital, Nongpoh</li><li>vi. Civil Hospital, Nongstoin</li><li>vii. Community Health Centre, Mawkyrwat</li><li>viii. MCH Hospital, Jowai</li><li>ix. Community Health Centre, Khliehriat</li><li>x. Civil Hospital, Tura</li></ol> | } | Government Facility |

xi. Civil Hospital, Baghmara	}	Government Facility
xii. Civil Hospital, Williamnagar		
xiii. Civil Hospital, Ampati		
xiv. Community Health Centre, Resubelpara		

**It is to be noted that:**

- The test shall be free for the high-risk contacts who need to be tested on the advice of Health Officials.
- The free test shall not be covered under MHIS unless a person is hospitalized. (Yellow & Pink NFSA Cardholders)
- For BPL families, the test shall be done free of cost in Government Hospitals on medical advice.
- Although cash payment is allowed, cashless payment through mobile banking is encouraged.

**Booking of testing :**

1. Online booking for testing at the facilities outlined at point 2 under the section “Payment for testing” will be available on [www.coronamegh.in](http://www.coronamegh.in) from 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
2. Testing can also be availed by directly approaching the above said facilities without pre-booking online. However, testing of such individuals will be subject to availability.
3. Results for those who tested negative shall be made available online as is the current practice.

**Paid Isolation**

1. Apart from isolation of asymptomatic and mildly symptomatic COVID patients at home and in Corona Care Centres (CCCs), the Government has also decided to open up some hotels for paid isolation. Staff of selected hotels would be trained on COVID appropriate behaviour and management of COVID patients before this system is implemented.
2. The room rates and the selected hotels shall be intimated in due course of time.
3. Respective Deputy Commissioners shall notify the name of hotels available and room rates from time to time.

**Payment for Food at CCCs**

Although the Government is trying to encourage home isolation as much as possible, there are certain families that do not have the necessary facilities for isolation in their houses. In such cases, the patient may be admitted in CCC. Rooms at the CCC will continue to be provided free of charge. The food at these centres will continue to be provided free of cost for BPL families. (Yellow & Pink NFSA Cardholders). However, non-BPL families need to pay for their food as per notified rates and there is an option for getting home food while in isolation at Corona Care Centres (CCCs). This new system will also come into effect from 16th October 2020.

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Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
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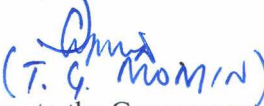
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