

Department of Governance Reforms and Public Grievances
Government of Punjab

PUNJAB COVID-19 RESPONSE

Initiatives and Policy Measures

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COVID19 Case Load

India COVID19 Status

World	India	Punjab
22,418,405	2,823,191	36,083
295,969	56,565	1,693
786,682	53,849	920
7,761	834	24
3.5%	1.9%	2.5%
15,134,091	2,084,894	22,703
68%	74%	<i>63%</i>
6,497,632	684,448	12,460
29%	24%	35%
2,802	1,568	1,203
98.3	29.9	30.7
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State level COVID19 Status

State	Total	Cured	Death	Active	Recovery Rate	Case Fatality Rate
Maharashtra	628,639	446,881	21,033	160,725	71%	3.3%
Tamil Nadu	355,449	296,171	6,123	53,155	83%	1.7%
Andhra Pradesh	316,003	226,372	2,906	86,725	72%	0.9%
Karnataka	240,941	156,949	4,201	79,791	65%	1.7%
Uttar Pradesh	167,510	115,227	2,638	49,645	69%	1.6%
Delhi	156,139	140,767	4,235	11,137	90%	2.7%
West Bengal	125,922	95,663	2,581	27,678	76%	2.0%
Bihar	112,759	84,578	568	27,613	75%	0.5%
Telangana	95,700	73,991	719	20,990	77%	0.8%
Assam	82,202	58,295	213	23,694	71%	0.3%
Gujarat	82,087	64,930	2,837	14,320	79%	3.5%
Odisha	67,122	46,936	425	19,761	70%	0.6%
Rajasthan	64,676	49,084	908	14,684	76%	1.4%
Kerala	50,173	32,607	183	17,383	65%	0.4%
Haryana	49,930	42,056	567	7,307	84%	1.1%
Madhya Pradesh	48,405	36,475	1,159	10,771	75%	2.4%
Punjab	36,083	22,703	920	12,460	63%	2.5%
J&K	30,034	22,497	572	6,965	75%	1.9%
Other	143,451	95,209	1,633	46,609	66%	1.1%
Total India	2,823,191	2,084,894	53,849	684,448	74%	1.9%

Punjab was the first State in the Country to impose a curfew, even before the National Lockdown. Since then, the State Government has taken several measures to manage the pandemic and its implications.

Punjab has set up a State COVID-19 Management Group to review the situation and send their report to the Chief Minister. 13 Committees have been set up to report to the group:

- **1** Health Sector Response and Procurement Committee
- **2** Lockdown Instructions and Implementation Committee
- **3** Media and Communication Committee
- 4 Agriculture and Food Committee

5	Relief for Migrant Workers Committee
6	Goods Transport Committee
7	COVID Care Centre Committee
8	Committee on Augmenting Human Resources and Capacity Building
9	Committee on upgradation of Health Sector Infrastructure
10	Tele-Counselling Services Committee
11	Food Grain Procurement Management Committee
12	Expenditure Appraisal Committee
13	Data Analysis Group

SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS

- COVID-19 Anti-Stigma and Anti-Discrimination Campaign launched on 11 August 2020 with the support of UNDP and WHO.
- Punjab among the first few states to approve Plasma treatment for critical COVID-19 patients in hospitals. The 1st Plasma Bank was inaugurated on 21 July 2020. Notification for plasma therapy as free service in government & private facilities done on 1st August.
- Plasma banks are now operational in Faridkot, GMC Patiala and GMC Amritsar. 26 Plasma Donations done so far.
- Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) started for early detection and management of COVID-19 infections. 20,582 tests done so far with RAT.
- Treatment Rates for Private Hospitals has been notified by the State Government basis the profession advice from from Dr. K.K. Talwar Committee.

SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS

- Community Ownership Model as a means for the community to be actively involved in the state's response against the pandemic.
- Government of Punjab constituted a Group of Experts led by Sh. Montek Singh Ahluwalia to develop a mediumterm and longer-term Post COVID Economic Strategy for the State. The Group has submitted it's first draft of the report for further discussion.
- Punjab has recently enforced stricter measures in urban areas as required specially in the 5 cities of Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Patiala and Mohali to contain the COVID-19 spread
- 9 Government of Punjab constituted a Task Force for Strategy on easing restrictions imposed due to Lockdown.
- Punjab Government has spent ₹45.05. Cr to fund movement of migrants via trains to their states

COVID-19 Public Health Strategy in Punjab

5 PILLARS

- Political & Administrative Commitment
- 2 Preparedness
- Surveillance (Trace-Test-Treat Principle)
- 4 Capacity Building
- 5 Intersectoral Coordination

REGULAR SURVEILLANCE FOR EARLY DETECTION

- Surveillance of ILI (Influenza Like Illness)
- Surveillance in LargeOutbreaks
- **3** Surveillance in Cluster Areas

IEC ACTIVITIES

A State Public Health Advisory

Group under the

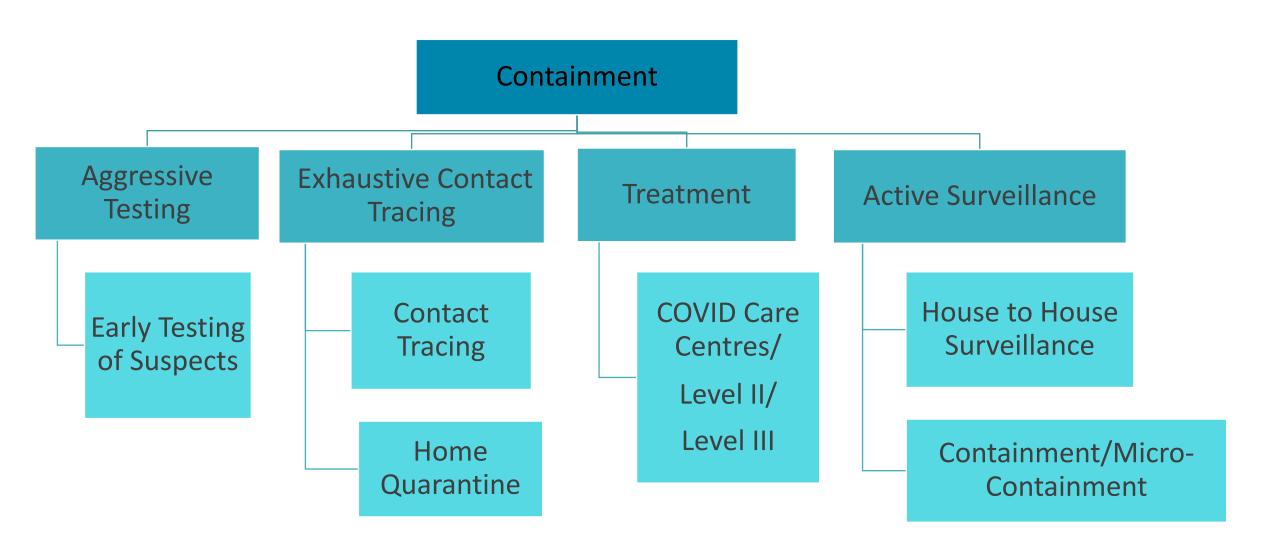
Chairpersonship of Dr K. K.

Talwar constituted with the

State Epidemiologist as the

Convener.

Containment Strategy





MISSION FATEH

Mission Fateh is the effort of the people of Punjab to defeat the pandemic in the face of overwhelming odds. It is a Mission of the people, by the people and for the people.

Punjab is creating mass awareness about:

- Wearing masks
- Washing hands
- Maintaining social distancing
- Taking care of the elderly
- Remaining vigilant about entry of outsiders in the locality
- Use of COVA App to track patients of the virus and maintaining a safe distance from them
- Importance of Home Quarantine
- Symptoms of the flu and action thereafter
- Restrictions during Lockdown 5.0 and penalties/fines in case of violations
- Community mobilization to jointly fight against the pandemic
- Emphasizing that the threat of the virus has not diminished,
 rather it has become more menacing

Committees

For the success of the Mission, the following committees have been constituted - Campaign Committee, Implementation Committee, and District Level Implementation Committee.

Activities

As part of the communication campaign, methods/platforms such as Hoardings, Campaign Song, IVRS and SMS, Radio, CORONA Warriors, Mission Fateh Warriors, COVA App, TV and Newspapers, and Ground Activities with the help of Sarpanches, Teachers and ASHA/Anganwadi workers are being used.

Success Indicators

The campaign is mainly dependent upon the response of the people some success indicators of the campaign are as under –

- 1. Total Registered Users 7,29,882
- 2. Total Photos Uploaded 2,53,543
- 3. Gold Winners 100, Silver Winners 360 and Bronze Winners 1092

Regular Surveillance

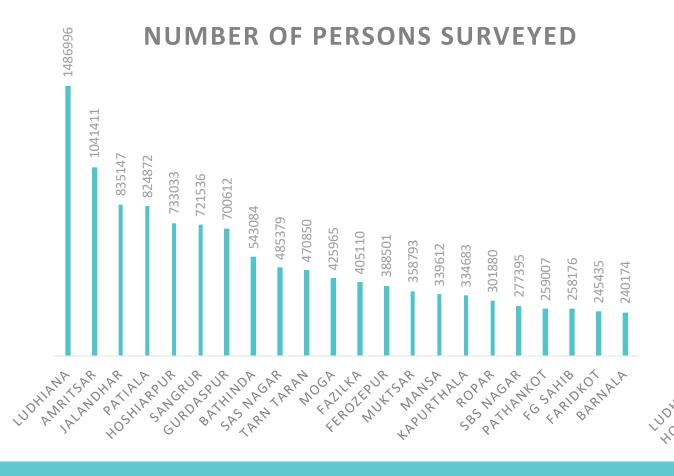
Punjab has initiated **surveillance for symptomatic persons** in the community to identify any person having COVID-19 symptoms at the earliest

Regular Surveillance for early detection is supervised by **Rapid Response Teams (RRTs).** Tracking and screening of contacts of positive patients is being done

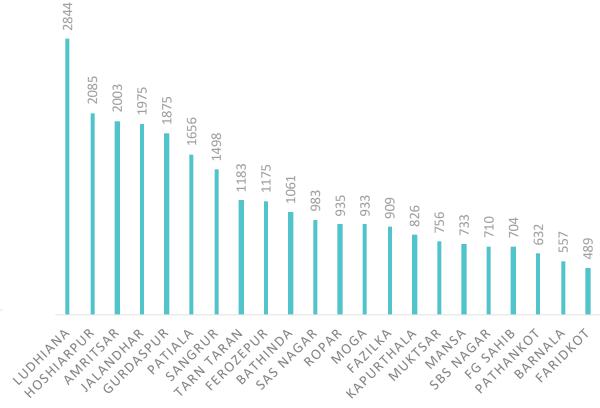
Survey in Large Outbreak Areas: 20 areas in the State with >14 cases have been declared as large outbreak areas.

House to House Survey was launched by the CM. The first round took place from 11th June 31st July – ASHA, Anganwadi workers and volunteers carried out data collection on a mobile app. Second round planned.

House to House Surveys



NUMBER OF RESOURCES DEPLOYED



Micro Containment Zones

Any specific area within a ward/village with population up to 500 which has 5 to 14 COVID positive cases is designated as a Micro Containment Zone

Minimum period of Micro Containment is **10 days.** This Period can be extended one week at a time if a new case is found in last 7 days.

District RRTs to undertake mapping of cases and contacts along with active surveillance by ASHA workers/Community Volunteers

Perimeter Control to ensure no unchecked outward movement of population from micro-containment zones and to check influx of population into the zones

Currently, there are 143 Micro Containment Zones across 17 districts in Punjab.

Testing Facilities - RT PCR

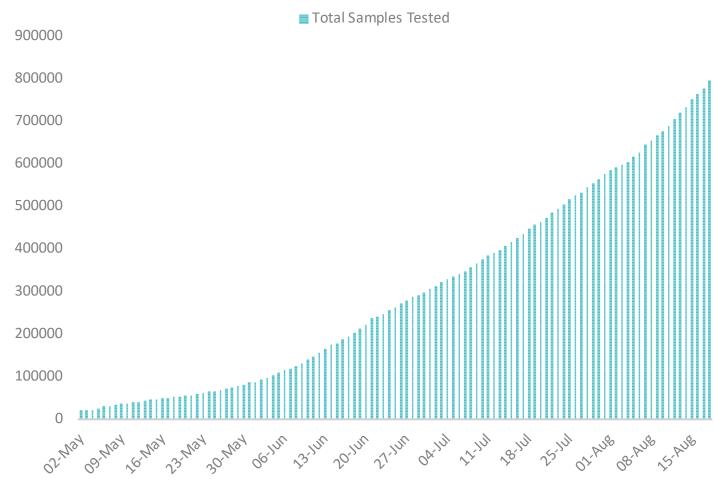
9 Government Facilities

- GMC Amritsar (Capacity 5000)
- GMC Patiala (Capacity 5000)
- BFUHS Faridkot (Capacity 5000)
- GADVASU, Ludhiana (Capacity 250)
- o RDDL, Jalandhar(Capacity 250)
- Forensic Science Lab, Mohali(Capacity 250)
- Punjab Biotech Incubator, Mohali(Capacity 250)
- o PGI Chandigarh (Capacity 150)
- IMTech Chandigarh (Capacity 100)

44 Private Facilities approved by ICMR for testing in Punjab.

GMC Amritsar and GMC Patiala got approved in March 2020 for RT-PCR COVID19 testing with a capacity of 40 tests/day. The current capacity of Punjab Govt. Facilities is 16,000/day.

From 4 tests per million population on March 16th to 26,537 tests per million population on August 18th while the current Indian average is 23,566 tests per million population.



As on 18.08.2020

COVID-19 Treatment Facilities

LEVEL 1



LEVEL 2



LEVEL 3



COVID CARE CENTRES

- Asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic cases
- 12,762 beds in the state of readiness.
- 7058 beds operationalized.

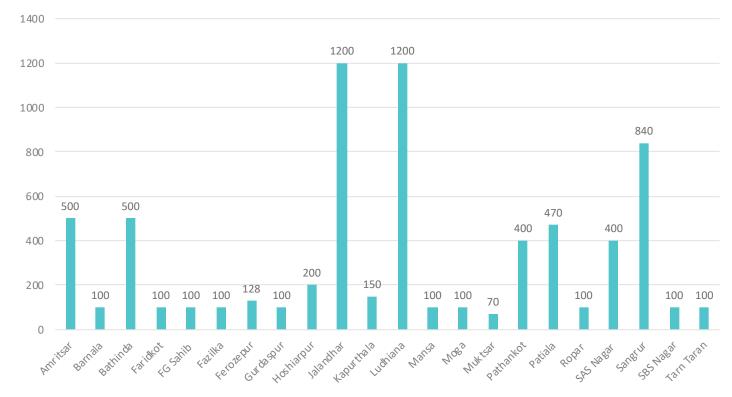
- **COVID HEALTH CENTRES**
- Mild to moderately symptomatic cases
- 5270 beds in Government facilities

- **COVID HOSPITALS**
- Severely symptomatic and Critical Care patients
- At present, there are 290 level3 beds in Govt facilities

COVID Care Centres





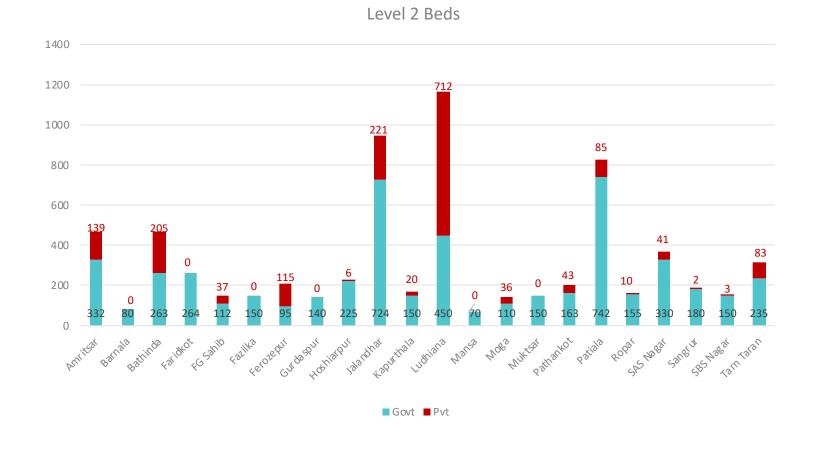


COVID Care Centres (Video)



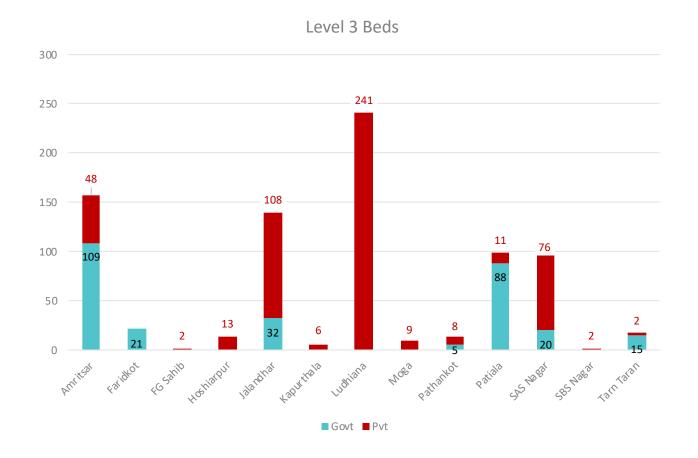
COVID Health Centres

Level-II are hospital beds with oxygen supply. Total number of beds is 7028



COVID Hospitals

At present, the level
3 bed strength in
Punjab is a total of
816



Flu Corners

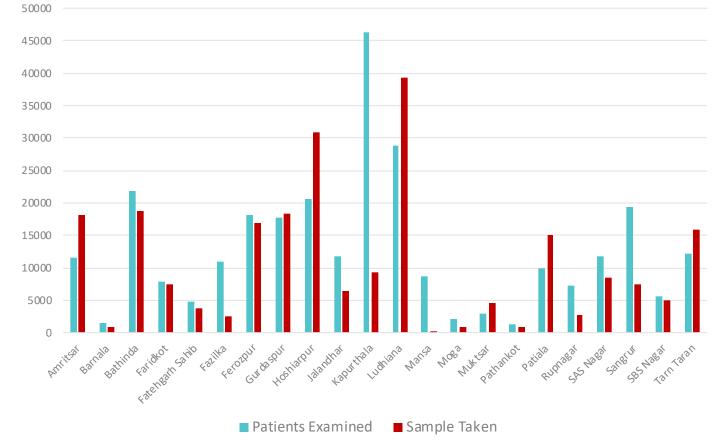
Flu corners are **set up in Hospitals to screen all suspected cases** of respiratory tract infections or cases presenting symptoms similar to those of coronavirus.

These serve as the **first points of contact** for these patients and ensure that **movement of such cases is restricted** in order to prevent the spread of the disease.

Flu corners have been running in all the districts of Punjab.

Punjab has set up **226 Flu Corners** (19 in District Hospitals, 42 in Sub-Divisional Hospitals, 18 in Public Health Centers, 142 in Community Health Centers, 2 in Govt. Medical Colleges. and 3 in other facilities) with **sample collection facility** in **202 Flu Corners**.





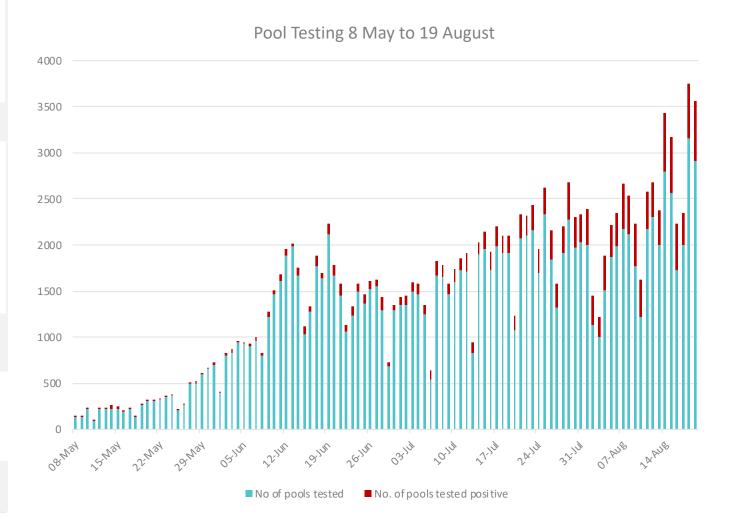
Pool Testing

A **specimen pool** comprising of multiple individual patient specimens (2-5 individuals) is tested, followed up by individual testing, only if a pool tests positive.

Pool Testing is being carried out in **3 Government** facilities:

- GMC Amritsar
- GMC Faridkot
- o GMC Patiala

Pool testing had been stopped from 30 April to 7 May as per ICMR guidelines in order to give priority to returnees Punjab was the first to conduct pool testing trials in GMC Amritsar and GMC Patiala on 15 April. Current capacity for pooled testing is 4000 samples per lab per day (approx.) 6,84,255 pooled samples tested as on 19 August 2020



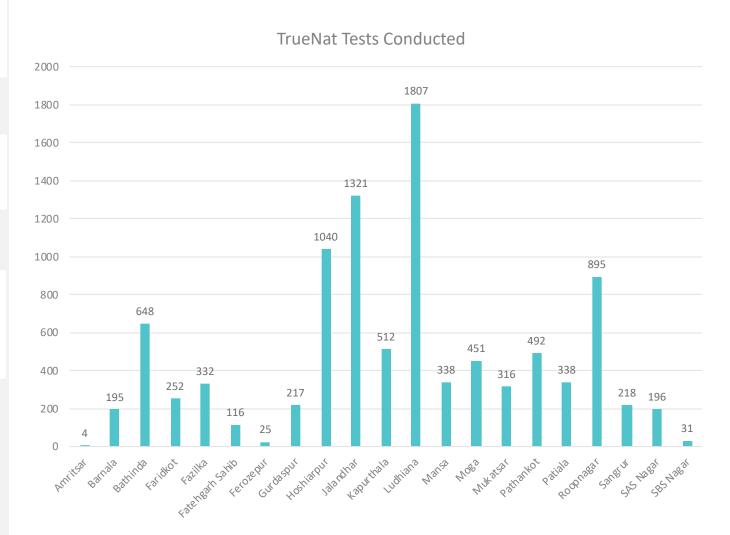
TrueNat Testing

Advantage of TrueNat Testing is that the testing time is only **60 minutes.** It is being used for emergency cases of COVID **19**.

Total Capacity of TrueNat testing in Punjab is **2000**.

Private hospitals can send urgent samples for testing in government facilities for **INR 1500**. 1068 such samples have been tested.

There are 27 TrueNat Machines operational at District Hospitals in Punjab. Total 9744 tests done so far, out of which 981 were positive.



As on 19.08.2020

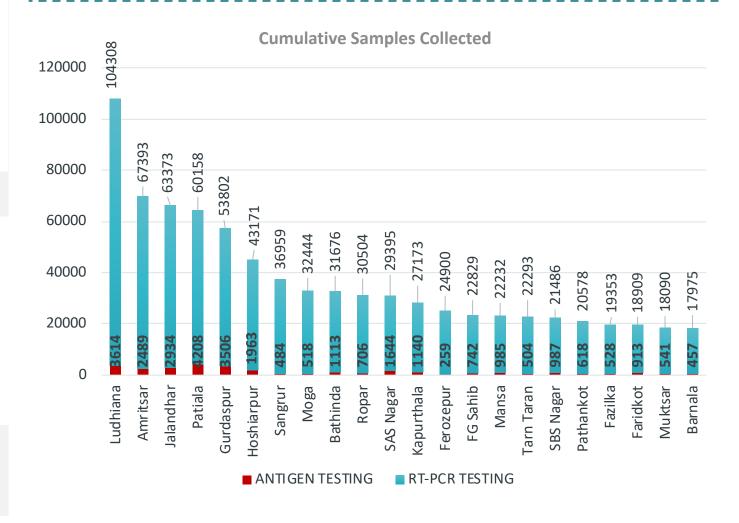
Rapid Antigen Testing

Rapid Antigen Testing shall **reduce the turnaround time** considerably and aid in quick diagnosis and management. If the result is positive, then it is taken as confirmed. However, if it is negative, then re-testing is done through TrueNat and RT-PCR.

Following categories shall be tested using Rapid Antigen Tests:

- Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) patients
- Two categories of symptomatic patients
- Three categories of asymptomatic patients

Punjab government started COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Testing on 10th July 2020. 5000 kits were distributed in 8 districts - Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Mohali, Patiala, Kapurthala, FG Sahib and Ropar. Rapid Antigen Testing has now expanded to the entire State.



Helpline Services

The Government of Punjab has operationalized 3 new helpline numbers and individual district emergency response helpline numbers for citizens to access support and services from the Government.

This is in addition to the 2 existing helpline numbers that are also being used to support COVID related concerns.

Everyday, data from all these numbers is analyzed to show the type of calls, resolutions provided, geography and demography of the callers to aid evidence-based decision making.



Single Emergency Helpline for anyone in distress

17,323 calls received per day (avg.) as on 18.08.2020

112



Ambulance service for medical emergency

7,273 calls received per day (avg.) as on 18.08.2020

108



Health emergency number

4,712 calls received per day (avg.) as on 18.08.2020

104



Dial a Doctor (launched on 31 March 2020)

1,075 calls received per day (avg.) as on 19.08.2020

1800

Directives and Protocols Issued

Directives for Unregistered Medical Practitioners to not treat COVID-19 Suspects/Positive Cases

Guidelines and Checklists for Establishing and Operationalizing COVID Care Centres

Guidelines regarding sanitizations of ambulances, oxygen cylinders, x-ray machines, and other equipment/ Hospital furniture

4 Guidelines for infection prevention and control for isolation

Advisories Issued [1/5]

- Updated Advisory on use of Air-Conditioning in Residential Commercial and Hospital settings
- Updated Advisory on Hygiene and Sanitizaton while carrying out works under MNREGA
- <u>Updated Advisory on Hygiene and Sanitization of the Public or Private Sector Industries</u>
- 4 Updated Advisory Hygiene and Sanitization of Office Spaces or Workplaces
- 5 Updated Advisory on Hygiene and Sanitization by the Plying Goods Vehicles and their Drivers
- Advisory on Cleaning and Maintenance of Mobile Phones
- **Updated Advisory on Safe Farming Operations (Procurement and Marketing)**
- 8 Updated Advisory on Safety of Food and other Essential Household Items

Advisories Issued [2/5]

- Updated General and specific Advisory on Opening and Maintaining Cattle Fairs
- Updated Advisory on Hygiene and Sanitization of Shops
- Updated Advisory on Hygiene and Sanitization at Petrol Pumps
- Advisory for the Special Care of Elderlies or Senior Citizens
- Updated Advisory on Hygiene and Sanitization of Sewa Kendras and their Staff
- Advisory of Socialization during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Revised Advisory for Masks
- Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization of State Transport Undertakings

Advisories Issued [3/5]

- Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization of Sewa Kendras and their Staff
- Advisory for the Special Care of Elderlies/Senior Citizens
- Advisory on Maintaining and Ensuring the Safety of Food and Other Essential Household Items
- Advisory on Maintaining the Hygiene and Sanitization of Shops
- Advisory for the People Involved in Frequent Interstate/Intrastate Movement
- Advisory regarding Home Quarantine of Returnees from Within the Country
- SOP regarding Returnees coming from Outside the Country
- Advisory on Cleaning and Maintenance of Mobile Phones

Advisories Issued [4/5]

- Advisory on Opening and Maintaining Cattle Fairs
- Advisory on Maintaining the Hygiene and Sanitization of Barber Shops/Hair-cut Salons
- Advisory for Hotel and Suitable Lodging Facility for Health Staff
- Advisory on the Use of Air-Conditioning in Residential/Commercial/Hospital Settings
- Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization of Bank Spaces and their Staff
- Advisory on Safe Farming Operations (Procurement and Marketing)
- Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization of Public/Private Sector Industries and Staff
- Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization while Carrying-out Works Under MNREGA

Advisories Issued [5/5]

- Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization of Office Spaces and Staff
- Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization at Petrol Pumps

Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization of Plying Goods Vehicles and Drivers/Workers

Migrant Laborers

The Government of Punjab has proactively ensured that needs of migrants in the State are given utmost priority.

The Government of Punjab has facilitated the return of more than 5,43,494 migrant workers to their home states.



Cooked Food

21,98,659 cooked food packets distributed across 22 districts by the State Govt while **NGOs distributed 1.84 crore packets**.



Ration Packets

4,045 ration packets distributed across 22 districts by the State Govt while NGOs distributed **4,01,814** packets.



Shelter Camps

More than **700 shelter camps** had been established across 22 districts. Currently there are **199 Migrant Labor Shelters**.



Rail and Bus Service

Govt. of Punjab spent Rs.29.37 crores and paid for railway tickets of 5,18,267 persons in 399 trains In addition, 25,227 persons have been carried in 862 buses to other states.

COVA Punjab

1st Mobile App in India, launched on 9th March 2020, with geotagging and geofencing features

11 States requested Punjab for access to the App and its features

51 Lac+ downloads; Available on iOS AppStore and Android PlayStore.





Find nearest COVID patient



Geofencing of quarantined individuals



Contact tracing of positive cases



Report mass gathering



Real time dashboard and analytics



Order grocery and essential goods



Booking of Train Tickets



Plasma donor registration

IT Initiatives [1/2]

- To ensure smooth operations in Mandis during the procurement weeks under COVID-19, Punjab developed a unique centralized automated, logic-based tech platform to issue e-Passes to farmers. All movement in the Mandis were managed online.
- A dedicated dashboard corona.punjab.gov.in to analyse the trend and pattern of cases including prediction of future hotspots to help authorities to take timely decisions.
- A platform covidhelp.punjab.gov.in for people who want to go to their home states from Punjab and those wanting to return.
- Punjab launched tele-medicine & tele-counselling initiatives for general patients other than COVID-19 to get consultation from home with the empaneled doctors/counselors through video call.
- Deployed UiPath RPA BOT to extract district specific information from the email, coming from more than 20 district authorities. The BOT saves the information in respective district folder.

IT Initiatives [2/2]

- Punjab has initiated a mass awareness campaign to educate and inform its citizens across all the channels (Radio, TV, Social Media, Print Media) about this pandemic.
- eSanjeevani (Online OPD), a CDAC Mohali's flagship integrated telemedicine solution was implemented across the state to connect with a network of senior doctors over video conferencing.

- Video Conferencing Solutions are being leveraged to facilitate Work-from-Home for the staff along with important webinars and VCs by the CM and other administrative staff.
- Plasma donor registration collaborated with DGR for testing and on boarding of portal/ software through COVA APP for registration of plasma volunteers.

Other Actions

The first manufacturer of PPE in Punjab was approved on 27 March 2020. As on date there are 141 PPE kit manufacturers approved by Government of India.

Make in Punjab - Punjab has 3 BIS and 1 DRDO approved N-95 mask manufacturers.

COVID-19 Trainings Given

1

Physical Training:

- National ToT Batch on 6 March 2020
- 110 Master Trainers on 9 March 2020
- 6412 participants at the District Level
- 23,797 participants at the Block Level
- 227 Staff Members of Different Departments Police, Social Security, Women and Child Development, Local Bodies and Agriculture

2

Online Training:

- 6812 MOs, Dental Doctors, SNs, AYUSH Doctors, RMOs, Pharmacists, LTs, etc.
- 343 NUHM Staff
- 546 Labor Room and SNCU Staff
- 125 House-Keeping and Sanitation Workers
- 91 participants from Prisons Department

COVID-19 Trainings Given

3

Operation FATEH:

- Expert Group Trainings under the Chairmanship of Prof. K.K. Talwar, experts from AIIMS New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh, CMC and DMC Ludhiana
- 4409 participants trained as on 15 August 2020

4

I-GOT Trainings:

- Integrated Government Online Training on DIKSHA app for capacity building of frontline workers
- Punjab placed at 2nd position currently
- Course completed by 2,91,917 participants as on 14 August 2020

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [1/11]

On CM's directives, Finance 4 Committees to deal with Government of Punjab has Emergency measures to released ₹150 Cr for relief combat Coronavirus menace. Department released ₹296 Covid-19 management -Punjab Cabinet approves crore on account of social Health Sector Response & works and ₹50 Cr for medical security pensions to 24.70 notification to set up Flu Procurement; Lockdown equipment Corners in all Govt and Pvt lakh beneficiaries for Jan & Implementation; Media & Feb 2020 hospitals Comm.; Agriculture & Food **Emergency Measures Social Security Relief Relief Fund** Committees March 21 March 2 March 29 April 6 April 3 March 9 March 22 Lockdown **COVA App Disaster Res. Fund** "COVA" mobile app launched Punjab Govt. orders State-₹53.43 crore released to DCs to sensitize people about wide Lockdown. Section 144 to immediately tackle any precautions from Novel imposed from March 23 to 31 exigency arising out of Covid-Corona Virus to combat Covid-19 Pandemic 19 crisis

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [2/11]

30-member control room set-up 15-member multi-disciplinary Punjab Police has formulated a Mr. Montek S. Ahluwalia heads at the Mandi Board for support task force set up to formulate detailed strategy to tackle such 20-member expert group to during the ensuing wheat exit strategy for gradual cases, with daily action taken formulate Punjab's post-covid harvesting and marketing relaxation of curfew/lockdown in reports to be submitted by the revival strategy. Initial report to season, set to begin on April 15 Punjab, will submit report in 10 DSP for Crime Against Women be submitted on July 31 days (CAW) **Mandi Board Comm. Exit Strategy TaskForce** Tackle Dom. Violence **Group of Experts** April 7 April 10 April 23 April 25 April 24 **April 8** April 12 **Testing Capacity Telemedicine Procurement Infra** Punjab Govt. led by Chief *Infrastructure of 3691 purchase* Telemedicine services in 300 Minister ramped up its testing centers including 153 main Health and Wellness Centres to capacity by 10 times with yards, 280 sub yards, 1434 provide 'Comprehensive Primary procurement of 5 RTPCR and 4 purchase centers besides adding Health Services' on door-steps of RNA extraction machines (with 1824 yards of rice mills created people in rural areas) automation)

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [3/11]

Govt of Punjab imposed Govt of Punjab decides to curfew in all 22 districts, Compulsory institutional provide subsidy up to 50% on Punjab Government has however, essential facilities, quarantine, for both positive purchase of machinery to spent more than ₹6 Cr to including MNREGA works, fund movement of migrants and negative cases coming help farmers to tackle the allowed to continue/start from other states problem of labour scarcity to their states till now amid COVID **Compulsory Machinery Subsidy Movement of Migrants State-wide Curfew** Quarantine April 30 April 26 May 5 **May 13** April 29 **May 10** May 4 **Child Rights in COVID COVID Help Regn.** Compensation Grant of ex-gratia Online registration for Govt of Punjab appointed compensation (Rs. 50 lakhs) people who want to return Vice-Chairperson and 4 Nonto the dependant to Punjab from other states Official members of the State members/legal heirs of and countries-Commission for Protection of employees, who die in http://covidhelp.punjab.gov.i harness while on Child Rights

Government duty

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Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [4/11]

Punjab Govt. assures that only those schools which are imparting online education will be allowed to charge tuition fee for lockdown period

Amid decline in daily count of new cases over past few days, Punjab Govt. announced replacement of strict curfew with lockdown till May 31 During the country's largest wheat procurement process, not a single case of Corona spreading through mandis in Punjab Punjab Govt. launches telemedicine venture between Cleveland Clinic USA & CMC Ludhiana. Cleveland Clinic to provide Physician-to-Physician video consultations

School Tuition Fees

May 14

Curfew replaced with Lockdown

May 16

No COVID-19 case during Procurement

May 17

Telemedicine Collaboration

May 18

May 16

Save Animals

Free vaccination to save animals from diseases such as Hemorrhagic septisemia(Ghal ghotu), swine fever and Black quarter(Patt soj). Free Medicines for Comorbidities

May 17

Punjab Govt. is providing free of cost medicines to the patients those are on treatment for hypertension and diabetes as advised by MOs and RMOs

RTI Helpline

May 18

RTI helpline for prompt response to people's RTI related queries launched. +91 172 2864100 to be operational from 10am-4pm, Monday-Friday.

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [5/11]

The investments in IT/ITeS *Punjab's recovery at over 90%* CDAC Mohali's flagship sectors in state have touched Punjab Govt. decides to grant with only 143 active cases. *integrated telemedicine* ₹605 Cr, which is approx. 180 days Maternity Leave to Five districts, namely Sangrur, solution implemented across 65% higher than the Government College Guest SAS Nagar, Ferozepur, the state. Gynaecology investment figure of last Faculty Lecturers Bathinda & Moga have 0 Services to start from 1st June financial year. active cases. **Investments during Maternity Leaves** e-Sanjeevani OPD **High Recovery Rate** COVID-19 **May 18** May 19 May 20 **May 23** May 19 **May 21 May 19 Subsidies to SC House and Property PPE Manufacturers Beneficiaries** Tax Punjab Land Development Amid the success of PPE Punjab Govt. decided to and Financial Corporation Manufacturers in Punjab, extend the deadline to pay the outstanding house tax or has issued subsidy to the Govt. has requested all property tax without any tune of ₹140.40 lakh for SC States to order from these penalty till 30th June 2020. beneficiaries to help them units whenever needed at recover from COVID crisis **HLL** rates

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [6/11]

In Lockdown 4.0, all 516
Sewa Kendra resume
operation to facilitate
seamless and timely delivery
of public services.

The COVID-19 Case Mortality Rate in Punjab is amongst the lowest at 1.3%, with majority of those fatalities resulting from co-morbidities. Taking the state's battle
against COVID to the
grassroots a month-long drive
launched as part of Mission
Fateh, to spread mass
awareness about the
pandemic.

Capital expenditure in essential sectors to be retained at Rs 5000 crore. No compromise on funding for all frontline departments.

Sewa Kendras resume operation

May 24

Case Mortality Rate

May 28

Mission Fateh

June 1

Essential Sectors & Frontline Workers

June 8

May 27

Rural Transformation
Strategy

Rs. 5,665 Cr Rural Transformation Strategy through funds convergence to generate employment and address COVID fallout in rural areas. Employment Generation

May 30

Ghar Ghar Rozgar & Karobar Mission initiated to facilitate employment for the benefit of both employers and prospective employees.

Free COVID-19 Testing

June 5

Punjab Govt to conduct free of cost RT-PCR testing for COVID-19 samples sent by empanelled private hospitals/clinics & private Labs.

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [7/11]

New guidelines for curbs on Punjab Cabinet approved Revenue Department has Stringent containment weekends & gazetted comprehensive Public allocated ₹300 Cr to various strategy under which 19 holidays. No Inter-district Grievance Redressal Policy to departments & DCs. containment zones have been movement except for e-pass bring mechanisms of all established in 8 districts holders on these days, only departments under one containing population of essentials shops to operate umbrella within the ambit of about 25000, so far. on all days of the week. Digital Punjab. **Allocation by Public Grievance New Guidelines Containment Strategy** Revenue Dept. **Redressal Policy** June 11 June 12 June 22 June 23 June 22 June 12 June 20 **Right to Business Ghar Ghar Nigrani Plasma Therapy Rules 2020** Punjab launched app - 'Ghar ICMR has given approval to Punjab Cabinet approved the Right to Business Rules, 2020 Ghar Nigrani', to undertake the Government Medical house-to-house surveillance College, Amritsar to treat the for setting up MSME units on in an ongoing process, till patients of COVID-19 with fast track. elimination of pandemic. plasma therapy.

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [8/11]

Campaign launched to Rapid Antigen testing has Punjab has constituted provide online education to initiated in 5 Districts in District Technical Committees students during the Punjab where 2365 rapid Punjab to start pilot project headed by Civil Surgeon to pandemic. Further, an antigen tests conducted so for rapid antigen testing. take the immediate decisions initiative launched to far, 197 have been found at district level regarding educate children through positive & 2168 tested COVID-19. animation videos. negative. **District Technical Rapid Antigen Testing School Education Rapid Antigen Testing** Committees July 3 July 8 **July 17** July 20 July 7 **July 16 July 17 Expert Advisory Labour Rooms in Private Hospital Committees District Hospitals Treatment Rates** Covid treatment rates of The Health & Family Welfare Two 'Expert Advisory Committees' under the private hospitals finalised by Department has set up Dr KK Talwar committee & separate Labour rooms in all overall quidance of Advisor, approved by CM for mild, district hospitals for the Health & Medical Education moderate, severe, very deliveries of pregnant & Research Dr. KK Talwar to severe cases, inclusive of women reported positive. augment COVID care #PPE cost. strategy.

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [9/11]

PSDM launched two online skill development programmes to meet challenges in the employment sector due COVID-19.

7 new automatic RNA extraction machines to be procured for viral testing labs at 3 Govt Medical Colleges in Patiala, Amritsar & Faridkot Detailed guidelines for shooting of films/music videos during Unlock-2 period in state, with restriction of 50 persons at the shooting venue. A special drive across the state to enforce COVID-19 related protocols in buses launched by Transport Department & Sub Divisional Magistrates.

Skill Development

July 21

Automatic RNA Extraction

July 22

Guidelines for Shooting Films/Music Videos

July 23

Enforcement of COVID

Protocols in Buses

July 28

Plasma Bank

July 21

Medical Education and Research, Minister, Punjab Mr. O. P. Soni inaugurated state's first plasma bank at Government Medical College/Rajindra Hospital, Patiala. Stricter Enforcement of Home Isolation

July 23

COVID-19 patients violating home isolation in Punjab will have to shell out ₹5000 as fine, as per the new quidelines.

Encouragement of Investment

July 24

To encourage investment in the state amid the COVID pandemic, relaxations for industry issued, including the extension of validity of statutory clearances without inspection.

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [10/11]

About 53,000 Anganwari *In order to impart quality* Dept. of Health & Family Health & Family Welfare workers and helpers across health treatment to every Welfare, Punjab has tied up Department imparted special state are playing leading role positive patient, Punjab has with Dept. of Governance training to 70 Gynaecologist in 'Mission Fateh', awareness deputed 22 IAS, IFS and PCS Reforms to communicate for providing tele-medicine Officers as COVID Patient campaign on Corona results to persons via SMS consultations to pregnant Tracking Officers (CPTOs). Prevention initiated by Punjab through COVA platform. women. Government. **Pregnant Women and Anganwadi Workers COVID Patient Test Results via SMS** COVID-19 and COVID-19 **Tracking Officers** July 30 July 30 August 1 August 1 July 30 July 30 August 1 **Directions to Private Free of Cost Plasma SHGs and COVID-19** Hospitals

> Plasma to be provided free of cost by Punjab Government t to all COVID-19 patients in need,

Punjab has directed all Private Hospitals/Nursing Home/ Clinics for tertiary care (HDU & ICU) under Epidemic Disease Act 1897 (COVID-19 Regulation 2020. 6 lakh masks prepared through SHGs & 10 lakh more to be made. SHGs get ₹30 lakh for making masks and will get additional ₹50 lakh.

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [11/11]

Punjab has converted 6 Jails into Special Jails for new inmates. In addition, 2 more jails in Gurdaspur & Malerkotla have been declared as Level-1 Covid Care Centers.

CCCs for Prison Inmates

August 1

The Group of Experts chaired by Mr Montek Singh Ahluwalia has submitted the first draft of its Report on Post-COVID Economic Strategy on time.

1st Expert Committee Report Submitted

August 4

Punjab has set up 4 new viral testing labs to enhance total daily testing capacity of 4000 tests during September 2020 with 1000 tests per day per lab in state.

Directions to Private

Hospitals

August 9

To ensure efficacious functioning & seamless coordination amid COVID-19, Punjab Mandi Board launched in-house Video Conferencing Mobile App 'QVIC'.

'QVIC': Video
Conferencing App

August 13

August 4

ITI and COVID-19

Punjab ITI students have made remarkable contribution in fight against #COVID19 under Mission Fateh in state by making 17 lac masks. August 9

Volunteers of Youth Service Department

76,381 volunteers of Youth Services Department are sensitizing people of villages and towns every fortnight about precautionary measures against the deadly disease. August 11

Smartphones for Digital

Scheme launched for distribution of smartphones to youth as some of these youth were facing pressing problems in accessing online education content during COVID. crisis.

