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## **COMMISSIONERATE**Health & Family Welfare Services

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## **CIRCULAR**

Sub: Entering of the reports by the laboratories in ICMR Portal.

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Covid-19 laboratories play an important role in detection and initiatiation of early surveillance activities, which in-turn helps to control the spread of infection.

It is noticed that the COVID-19 testing laboratories are uploading all samples received as 'Negative' in the ICMR Portal before the completion of the test and later changing the results as 'Positive' for positive samples after the completion of the test. This creates a lot of confusion among the people. The State Government is proposing to send the test result through a SMS to the suspect based on the Negative result uploaded by the testing lab on the ICMR Portal and provision of SMS request is also sent to ICMR.

This practice of uploading all samples received as negative needs to be discontinued to avoid confusion and panic among the people and all labs are hereby instructed to mark the sample as 'Under Process' till the final report is uploaded.

Commissioner,
Health & Family Welfare Services

## Copy for necessary action:

- 1. Deputy Commissioners of all districts.
- 2. Chief Executive Officers of all Zilla Panchayaths.
- 3. District Surgeons of all districts.
- 4. Nodal Officers of all Covid-19 labs.

## Copy for information:

- 1. ACS, Health & Family Welfare Department.
- 2. ACS, Planning, Programme Monitoring & Statistics Department.
- 3. Mission Director, National Health Mission.