DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES, ODISHA Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Odisha *******

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Order

It has been observed that the number of Covid-19 infection amongst the health care providers is increasingly being reported. Similarly several instances of detection of Covid-19 in patients admitted with non Covid conditions have also been reported in the recent past. These situation carries potential risk of transmission of infection to care giver and co patient and attendants which may adversely affect the functioning of the health facilities. In order to mitigate and/or reduce such risk the following instructions are to be strictly adhere to both by Hospital management and staff.

- 1. All hospitals (Govt/Pvt/Corporate/ nursing homes) are to strictly follow the IPC guidelines issued from time to time by Government of Odisha and Gol.
- It is mandatory to create a separate fever clinic in hospital for the purpose
 of screening SARI/ILI/suspected COVID-19 cases or the person coming
 from Hotspot areas of the state or country which should be away from the
 main working areas of the hospital.
- 3. All the hospitals must ensure preliminary screening of the patients and their attendants entering the hospital.
- 4. All the hospitals are also to ensure the use of mask, sanitizer, social distancing, hand washing and other standard precautionary measures.
- 5. All hospitals are also to create an isolation ward / section to admit patients mentioned in Para 2 separately, and to subjects them for COVID-19 test. These isolation facilities should be created preferably in an isolated building. Or in a separate zone if former is not possible.
- 6. The staffs deployed in these sections shall not be deployed in other sections of the hospital.
- 7. The health care workers working in these sections shall strictly adhere to the IPC protocol with appropriate use of PPE. The management of the hospital must ensure this practice

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- 8. The COVID-negative cases will be transferred to the Non Covid section of the hospital or to the Non Covid Hospitals if required.
- 9. If condition permits patient of such categories may be considered for transfer to other Non Covid Hospital only after test results.
- 10. The patients requiring referral to other hospitals before the test due to, non-availability of the facility or during emergency, the transfer shall only be undertaken with prior intimation to and confirmation from hospitals to be referred as per protocol. The referral record must contain detailed clinical history including history of travel from or residency in Hotspot areas.
- 11. When a positive case is detected in any section of the of the hospital, the other patients in the room must be shifted temporarily to another room. Subsequently the room must be terminally sanitized after which the patients can be shifted back. The Covid positive case shall be managed in isolated section till completion of treatment or referral to other Covid care facilities.
- 12. No patients shall be denied health care services on any ground including of suspicion of Covid-19 infection or from coming from hotspot areas.
- 13. No life threatening emergency procedures/ treatment shall be denied or deferred on the ground of suspicion of Covid infection, coming from hotspot areas or non-availability of Covid Test report. The hospital shall undertake such treatment without waiting for test report by taking all universal precautions.

14. Detection of any Covid-19 case in Non Covid Hospital/ Nursing Home must be notified to District Surveillance Unit

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> **Director of Health Services** Odisha

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Copy submitted CDM&PHO. for information. They are instructed to circulate among all health care facilities (Govt/Pvt/Corporate/ nursing homes) under their jurisdiction. THOW W

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