



National Health Mission  
SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla  
Himachal Pradesh  
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The State has been performing consistently well in tracking the suspects of COVID-19 from various hotspots and further testing their contacts diligently. In order to increase the testing and rule out underlying community transmission, the following actions needs to be taken:-

1. All hospitalized patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) as category -4 of letter bearing No. 2728 dated 21 March, 2020 in all public and private hospitals must be tested for COVID-19 without fail.
2. The flu clinics which have been established in the various Government Medical Colleges / ZH / RH/ DH are directed to collect at least 3-5 samples per day from amongst the cases presenting to the particular clinic and are having moderate ILI symptoms. Preference for these samples must be given to vulnerable persons for COVID-19. These samples will be labelled category -6.
3. For enhancing the community surveillance, the ILI cases (those identified through ACF or otherwise) in the community shall be tested for COVID-19. Preference for these samples must be given to vulnerable persons for COVID-19. These samples will be labelled category -7. One/ Two modified vehicles are being provided to the district(s) to undertake this community level sample collection and screening. The districts are directed to screen and cover one block everyday and ensure that 8-10 samples per vehicle are collected in a day. While taking samples it must be ensured that the outer glass of the vehicle and the sleeves with gloves must be decontaminated with 1% Sodium Hypochlorite solution after every sample collection.
4. Keeping in view, the large number of interstate migrants who have been lodged in various relief camps/ quarantine, specially in the districts bordering other States, it is directed that no new entrant should be allowed in a particular relief camps/ quarantine facility and no intermingling of occupants of one facility should be allowed with occupants of other facility. Any occupants of such facilities having symptoms of ILI must be tested and assigned category -8.

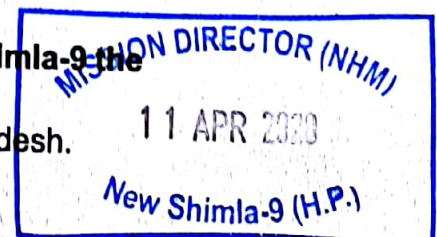
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1. The Additional Chief Secretary (Health), Himachal Pradesh.

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2. The Director Health Services, Himachal Pradesh
3. The Director of Medical Education and Research, H.P.
4. All the Chief Medical Officers, H.P.
5. All the Principals, Govt. Medical Colleges, H.P.
6. All the Medical Superintendents, H.P.
7. All District Surveillance Officers, Himachal Pradesh

  
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