

NHMHP-CH0PCI/1/2021- CH-E31271 - 20888
National Health Mission
SDA complex, Kasumpti, Shimla
Himachal Pradesh

To

All the Chief Medical Officers
Himachal Pradesh

All the Principals of Medical college
Himachal Pradesh

All the Medical Superintendent of district Hospitals/ Civil Hospitals
and Medical colleges
Himachal Pradesh

Dated: Shimla-9, the



Subject: Regarding protection of children during COVID Pandemic

Sir,

In reference to the DO No.Z28020/156/2020-CH Dated:25/5/21(enclosed) it is to inform that the Protocol for the management of pediatric group has already been shared with the districts and Medical colleges vide this office letter No. NHMHP-IDSP/1/2020-IDSP-section part(2) dated:3rd May 2021.

As experts are predicting a third wave in the coming months. Therefore to protect the vulnerable children the following critical issues require immediate attention to address pediatric Covid case management in your state:

1. All pending/ongoing repairs/constructions/pending of handing over of SNCU/NICU/Pediatric HDU/MNCU/PCU etc. to be reviewed urgently to make them functional on a priority basis.
2. Ensure availability of pediatric ward and newborn units in Dedicated Covid Hospitals either by augmentation of existing facilities or demarcating beds in existing facilities. Please ensure the beds are supported with oxygen availability, preferably Central oxygen supply.
3. Ensure appropriate Emergency triage and treatment services for newborn and pediatric provided at all levels.
4. Ensure availability of of diagnostic consumables/oxygen support/referral support/telemedicine facility if needed.
5. Develop Human resource resource staffing plan for Pediatricians, Medical

- Officers, Staff nurses involved in pediatric care and plan their training.
6. To ensure all the SNCU equipments which are non functional to be made functional at the earliest.
 7. As earlier letter no. NHMHP-CH0CH/P/1/2019-CHSECTION-10364 dated 17.12.2020 (enclosed) communicated and again reiterated through this communication that SAANS campaign has been observed in the state w.e.f 12th Nov 2020 to 28th Feb 2021. Therefore it is again requested to furnish the information on Health Staff trained/oriented on SAANS guidelines during this campaign.

Sr. No.	Category	Total Number	Total Trained
1	Medical Officer		
2	Community Health Officer(CHO)		
3	Staff Nurse		
4	ANM		
5	ASHA		

8. In order to access the existing status of Neonatal and Pediatric service in the state an excel sheet is being shared . Please send the data by 31st May 2021.



N. Singh
29/5/21
Mission Director
National Health Mission
Himachal Pradesh

Endst No. as above

Dated

Copy forwarded to:

1. The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for information please
2. The Secretary (Health) to the Govt. of HP for information please
3. Director Health Services and Director Medical Education. They are requested to coordinate activities in the institutions under their control.

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29/5/21
Mission Director
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Dear,

AU,

D.O No.Z28020/156/2020-CH dated 25/05/2021

You are aware that with respect to Covid -19 infection, children are less commonly affected, majority of them are asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic. A small proportion (10% - 20%) of the symptomatic children may need hospitalization and 1% to 3% of the symptomatic children may require intensive care admission. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has already issued guidance on Protocol for Management of Covid19 in the Paediatric Age Group in the month of April 2021, which is available on MoHFW website. (<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/ProtocolforManagementofCovid19inthePaediatricAgeGroup.pdf>)

As the experts are predicting a third wave in coming months, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare will soon be sharing guidance to support the States and UTs to combat any upcoming crisis in paediatric age group, while ensuring no disruption to provision of essential services. A close coordination is desired between National Health Mission, Directorate of Health and Directorate of Medical Education to implement these activities. The following critical issues require your immediate attention to address paediatric Covid case management in your State:

- All pending /ongoing repairs/ constructions/ pending of handing over of SNCU/NICU/Paediatric HDU/MNCU/PICU etc. to be reviewed urgently to make them functional on a priority basis.
- Ensure availability of paediatric ward and Newborn units in Dedicated Covid Hospitals either by augmentation of existing facilities or demarcating dedicated beds in existing facilities. Please ensure the beds are supported with Oxygen availability, preferably Central Oxygen supply.
- Ensure appropriate Emergency triage and treatment services for newborn and paediatric provided at all levels.
- Ensure availability of diagnostics/consumables/ Oxygen support/ referral support/ telemedicine facilities if needed
- Develop human resource staffing plan for Paediatricians, Medical Officers, Staff Nurses involved in Paediatric care and plan their training.

In order to assess the existing status of Neonatal and Paediatric service in the States and UTs, an excel sheet is being shared. Please send district wise data of Neonatal and paediatric care facilities(NBSU/SNCU/ Paediatric Wards/ HDU/NICU/ PICU) after vetting at the State level. Please treat this as urgent and send reply to the Ministry on email. (sharad.mps81@gmail.com, joshikapil@gmail.com, vishalkataria.mohfw@gmail.com) by 31st May '21.

With Best Regards

Yours' sincerely

To,

All Mission Directors NHM All States/UTs

Healthy Village, Healthy National

(Dr Sumita Ghosh)

