

Minutes of the State Technical Expert Committee Meeting on COVID-19

Date: 25th June, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Venue: NHM Conference Hall, Health Directorate, Lamphel

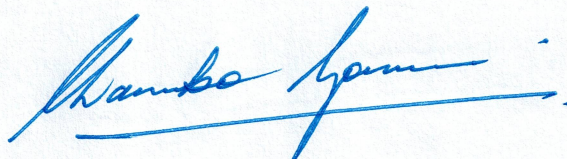
Chairperson: Dr. Chambo Gonmei, Director, Health Services, Manipur

ANNEXURE I: List of Officers Present

Sl.no.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Chambo Gonmei	Director Health Services
2.	Dr. N. Hemantakumar Singh	Director Family Welfare Services
3.	Dr. N. Bino Singh	Additional Director (MD)
4.	Dr. S. Gopal Singh	SSO/SE
5.	Dr. Y. Premchandra Singh	Jt. Director PF-A
6.	Dr. H. Kulabidhu Singh	Prof. Community Medicine, JNIMS
7.	Dr. N. Sanjib Singh	Medical Superintendent, RIMS
8.	Dr. Kh. Lokeshwar	Medical Superintendent, JNIMS
9.	Dr. Ch. Shyamsunder Singh	Head of Department, Pediatrics, RIMS
10.	Dr. Vijaya Elangbam	Prof. Community Medicine, RIMS
11.	Dr. Ksh. Mamta Devi	Prof. Dept. of Microbiology, RIMS
12.	Dr. Sunanda Haorangbam	Prof. & HOD Dept of Respiratory Medicine, RIMS
13.	Dr. W. Ruhinikumar Singh	Sr. Specialist (Paediatrics), Thoubal DH
14.	Dr. Ch. Debeshwar Singh	Prof. & HOD Dept of Respiratory Medicine, JNIMS
15.	Dr. RK. Manoj	Assoc. Prof. Microbiology Department, JNIMS
16.	Dr. M. Bapinkumar	Deputy MS JNIMS
17.	Dr. N. Kameshore Singh	Prof & HOD Paediatrics JNIMS
18.	Dr. Jubilee Wahengbam	Jt. Director PF-B
19.	Dr. P. Sarat	Prof. Pulmonary Med. JNIMS
20.	Dr. Mutum Vivekson	DD Public Health
21.	Dr. H. Danny Singh	Public Health Specialist Bishnupur District
22.	Dr. Manju Devi Kambam	DD MD(B)
23.	Dr. Mushtaque Ahmed	Specialist Medicine, DH KPI
24.	Dr. A. Sylvia	SNO CH/ State Team Leader for Home Isolation
25.	Dr. Achuina Golmei	SNO MH/ State Team Leader for COVID Testing
26.	Dr. Th. Shantajit	SrMO (I)
27.	Dr. C. Ranjeev Kr	DD Public Health
28.	Dr. Ranita	SNO (NMHP)

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Dr. N. Hemantakumar Singh, Director, Family Welfare Services welcomed all participants. A briefing on the current COVID-19 situation was provided by Dr. Sanasam Gopal Singh, State



Surveillance Officer/SE. Dr. Y. Premchandra, Joint Director (P&F) led the agenda-wise discussion. Dr. RK Manoj Assoc. Prof. Microbiology Department, JNIMS informed the committee that samples were sent for genome sequencing and results are awaited.

Agenda 1: COVID-19 Testing Guidelines:

The Committee decided to adopt the latest ICMR testing guidelines.

Key points:

1. Recognize positive tests from RT-PCR, RAT, TrueNat, CBNAAT, CRISPR, RT-LAMP, etc.
2. Test symptomatic persons, 'at-risk' contacts, and all SARI cases.
3. No testing needed for asymptomatic contacts unless high-risk or at discharge.
4. JNIMS & RIMS to continue supporting testing.
5. SARI-positive samples to be sent to VRDLs for genome sequencing.

Reference: ICMR Guidelines on COVID-19 Testing

(https://main.icmr.nic.in/sites/default/files/guidelines/Advisory_COVID_Testing_20012023.pdf)

Action: COVID Testing Committee

Agenda 2: Home Isolation Guidelines:

It was resolved to implement the latest MOHFW guidelines on home isolation.

Key Criteria:

1. Home isolation for those persons with SPO2 >93%, asymptomatic or mild symptoms.
2. Dedicated space and caregiver required.
3. Symptom monitoring via respiratory rate and pulse oximeter.
4. Discharge after 7 days of HI, fever free for last 3 days, without re-testing.

Reference: MOHFW Home Isolation Guidelines

(<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/RevisedHomeIsolationGuidelinesforMildASymptomaticCOVID19Cases.pdf>)

Action: Home Isolation Committee

Agenda 3: Clinical Management Guidelines:

The committee recommended continuing the MOHFW clinical guidance:

1. Adults: 05 Jan 2023 Guidelines.
2. Pediatric: January 2022 Guidelines.

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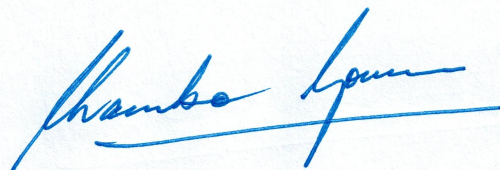
- Adults:

(<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/ClinicalGuidanceforManagementofAdultCOVID19Patientsupdatedon05012023.pdf>)

- Pediatric:

(<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/GuidelinesforManagementofCOVID19inCHILDREN18January2022.pdf>)

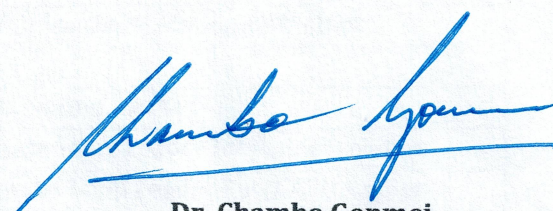
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Agenda 4: Miscellaneous Decisions:

Decision No.	Item	Remarks
1.	Preparedness for dialysis facility at Hospitals for COVID patients	SNO PMNDP & Team Leader of Committee for Management of Isolation wards, Screening facilities, ICUs, etc. in Hospitals, to workout feasible solution
2.	To reserve COVID isolation bed in private hospitals for the In-Patients who were found to be COVID positive	Committee for Management of Isolation wards, Screening facilities, ICUs, etc in Hospitals to issue a memo/necessary guidelines
3.	Introduction of price capping in private hospitals for COVID patients	Committee for Management of Isolation wards, Screening facilities, ICUs, etc in Hospitals to issue necessary instructions
4.	Allocation of districts to RIMS/JNIMS for COVID testing and admission	Committee for Management of Isolation wards, Screening facilities, ICUs, etc in Hospitals to issue necessary instructions
5.	Testing charge regulation	Committee for Management of Testing Laboratories to propose for administrative approval.
6.	Restrict community gatherings in high positivity districts per ICMR criteria	To explore more on the virulence of the COVID-19 in the state. Awaiting genome sequencing result
7.	COVID-19 Advisory for Schools & Hostels	Restricted closure on case to case basis followed by disinfection till virulence results are available

The Chairperson concluded the meeting with an appeal for full cooperation from all departments for coordinated COVID-19 management.



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