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To

Dean/Medical Superintendent  
ESIC Hospitals & Medical College

Director (Medical)  
Delhi/Noida

**Subject: Advisory to ESIC Hospitals in view of recent upsurge in COVID-19 cases and detection of first JN.1 variant case in India**

In view of the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in some States/UTs in India and the detection of the first case of the new JN.1 variant of COVID-19 in the Country, there is need for maintaining a state of constant vigil over the COVID situation.

Under the circumstances, ESIC Hospitals are urged to focus on enhanced surveillance over the COVID situation. The following advisory/guidelines are issued for adherence in this regard:

1. ESIC Hospitals are urged to maintain a state of constant vigil over the COVID situation. The hospitals to focus on fivefold strategy of test-track-treat-vaccinate and adherence to COVID appropriate behaviour.
2. ESIC Hospitals to ensure adequate testing including higher number of RT-PCR tests.
3. A nodal officer is to be designated in each hospital. Capacity building of human resource is to be taken up on existing guidelines, sensitization and orientation of health care workers for the signs and symptoms of these illnesses along with preemptive actions (such as preparedness including beds, drugs, medical equipment, medical oxygen etc).
4. Ensure COVID-19 testing as per district administration instructions.

Also , ICMR guidelines for testing are available at:

[https://www.icmr.gov.in/pdf/covid/strategy/Advisory\\_COVID\\_Testing\\_08022023.pdf](https://www.icmr.gov.in/pdf/covid/strategy/Advisory_COVID_Testing_08022023.pdf)

5. Adequate testing as per Covid-19 testing guidelines maintaining the recommended share of RT-PCR and Antigen tests.
6. Promote awareness in ESI beneficiaries to seek their continued support in managing COVID-19, including adherence to respiratory hygiene.
7. In order to raise the community awareness w.r.t. below mentioned points, (a) health talks may be organized in the OPD of health facilities/ hospitals, (b) relevant IEC material / Do's & Don'ts may be displayed at prominent places in health facilities/ hospitals.
8. MOHFW guidelines in these regards are attached and are available at <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/OperationalGuidelinesforRevisedSurveillanceStrategyincontextofCOVID-19.pdf>
9. Daily analysis & continuous monitoring of cases reporting for detecting any Early Warning Signal and if any surge is noticed that may be communicated to District authorities as per the state government instructions under intimation to ESIC Headquarters.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority

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