

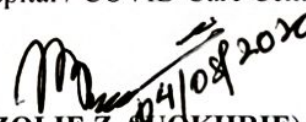
**GOVERNMENT OF NAGALAND
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
NAGALAND : KOHIMA**

NO. DHFW/COVID-19/2019-20/ 5076-79 Dated Kohima, the 04th August, 2020

Advisory for COVID hospitals and all health institutions (public and private)

In reiteration of the various SOPs on COVID-19 and the importance of continuation of essential health services, the following advisory is given for adherence by COVID-Hospitals and various health centres in the public sector and private health institutions:

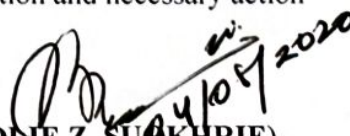
1. If any serious or critical patient requires hospitalization and approach the COVID Hospital, such patients must be admitted in the isolation ward and stabilized subject to availability of beds. No serious or critical patient shall be turned away for want of COVID test report, referral letter, or the nature of the disease.
2. Patients are expected to seek healthcare from the hospitals and health centres. All healthcare workers must be prepared, irrespective of the hospital/health centre (both public and private) being a COVID hospital or not, to take precautions and treat every patient as a potential COVID-19 patient. Isolation facility should be arranged by every hospital / health centre. If there is any denial of treatment to any patient for want of COVID test report, appropriate action will be taken against the healthcare worker or hospital as per the law.
3. All health personnel managing unconfirmed COVID-19 cases shall mandatorily use appropriate PPEs.
4. All hospitals are encouraged to make provision of Rapid Antigen Test for quick testing of COVID-19. The *Advisory on Rapid Antigen Test for COVID-19* issued by the Department of Health and Family Welfare Nagaland vide NO. DHFW/COVID-19/2019-20/5514-19 dated 30th July, 2020 will be followed.
5. If there is no testing facility in the hospital, the treating hospital will be responsible for collection of sample to be sent to the nearest testing facility.
6. The Hospital Authority shall be responsible for immediate reporting of any suspected COVID-19 cases or those who are confirmed through Rapid Antigen Test to the District Surveillance Unit.
7. On COVID-19 case being detected in a non-COVID facility, the hospital / health centre (public or private) should not be sealed unless warranted by SOP. As per SOP, if hospital authority is satisfied that all contacts are traced and adequate disinfection is achieved, the hospital shall not be shut but continue to function.
8. The confirmed COVID-19 cases will be shifted to COVID Hospital / COVID Care Centre as per the severity of the case.


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