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Dear All,

It is heartening to note that states have started the process of notifying dedicated Covid19 hospitals. To assist the states/ UTs in identifying the gaps in these designated hospitals, the Regional Directors of MoHFW and WHO team are carrying out the readiness assessment through a check-list. The assessment report along with the analysis of the gaps will be shared with the States for readying these facilities to provide quality care.

At the outset, these dedicated hospitals and/ or blocks of existing hospitals should be in good physical condition. However, I would like to reiterate the following for designating a health facility as a dedicated COVID19 hospital :

- In these hospitals only suspects or confirmed COVID cases are to be admitted and treated. It is to be ensured that there is no intermixing of COVID & non-COVID patients and their attendants in these hospitals which are dedicated for COVID patients and suspects as a measure to prevent cross infection.
- Exclusive dedicated hospitals or separate distinct blocks (and not a ward in the building) within the hospital (both for OPD as well as IPD care) with separate entry and exit points for the management of COVID19 patients is needed.

Therefore, it is requested that the above noted guidelines are adhered to with strict compliance in setting up of these dedicated hospitals along with ensuring adequate supply of PPEs, N-95 masks and ventilators as an essential part of hospital readiness.

I also request the states/ UTs that have not notified the dedicated COVID hospitals as yet to kindly do so at the earliest and to send us a copy of the notification.

with warm regards

Yours Sincerely


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