

CHRISTIAN COALITION FOR HEALTH

Covid 19 – Second Wave : How the Church can Respond

The Webinar facilitated for NCCI, CBCI and EFI covered some initiatives being done across India to handle the Covid19 Second Wave.

The initiatives are given below. If any diocese, parish or church would like to replicate the same in their communities, they may contact CBCI, NCCI or EFI at churchcovidresponse2021@gmail.com; and CCH at rosemary-thomas@chai-india.org and we will connect you to the right resources.

In case you missed the webinar, you can watch it at <https://youtu.be/GIPvSom6xJ0>

CCH has also put together a detailed list of ways that churches can help locally. This is available in Annexure 1 : CCH Options to Help.

Topic	Activities	Reach	Contact Person	Email ID / Contact No
Volunteering in Delhi	Prayer support, arranging hospital beds, care of members, and financial support, Covid center set-up. Long term: care of widows and children	Delhi	Pastor Manav Das	manavsdas@gmsil.com
Returning Migrants	Schools as quarantine centers; food and counselling provided; Awareness messages in community	Nagaland	Mr. Toshi Sanglir	toshisanglir@gmail.com
Connecting needs to resources	Team of volunteers to identify available beds, oxygen, plasma, etc. to those in	All India	Hardik Sojitra	hs@hardiksojitra.com Refer Annexure 2: Google Doc template

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Covid Burial Helpline	Burial Helpline and team to assist for Burials	Bengaluru	Fr. Xavier Santhosh /	akshaya.augusta01@gmail.com Refer Annexure 3: Sample Burial Helpline Info document Annexure 4: Ppt on Covid Burials Planning Annexure 5: Declaration Form format
Hospital Volunteers	Feeding, bathing, talking to Covid patients in hospitals with team of volunteers	Bengaluru	Fr. Anil D'Sa	anilsdb@gmail.com
Oxygen Langar	Oxygen Langar at Gurudwaras, free food, delivery of cylinders, Covid tests, medical guidance, Covid center set up, etc.	Multiple Locations	Mr. Bhupinder Singh Walia	98152 25522
Tele-counselling & Mental Health Support	Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Counsellors etc. support those in trauma and grief	All India	Ms. Imtinenla Aier	imtinenla@cmai.org
Medical Helpline	Doctor Consultations for Covid positive in Home care	All India	Dr. Santhosh Mathew	santhosh.mathew@icmda.net Refer Annexure 6 : Helpline Info
CMC Vellore	Covid Suraksha Free Online Course	All India	Dr. Adeline Sither	Register http://cs.cmcdistedu.org Or contact covidsuraksha@cmcdistedu.org Refer Annexure 7 : Course Brochure

Suggestions for Future : How CCH can Help

- More webinars to showcase new initiatives across India for churches to learn and replicate. If churches require information on a specific topic (e.g. how to use an oxygen cylinders & concentrators safely), specific webinars can be facilitated.
- Share video of first webinar for dissemination across CBCI, NCCI and EFI networks.
- Provide coordination and admin support to facilitate a peer interaction among pastors / priests / Bishops in handling the 2nd Wave.
- Assist any church / parish / diocese in connecting to above resources to replicate initiatives locally.
- Enrol more medical professionals in the Medical Helpline OR help a local group set up their own helpline (with a focus on the East and North East – to prepare for the 2nd wave there.)
- With support of CBCI, NCCI and EFI, collate initiatives being done across India using a Google Form. This data can be analysed and presented to CBCI, NCCI and EFI for further dissemination.

Annexures

1. CCH : Options to Help
2. Request & Sources Tracking template (excel)
3. Sample Burial Helpline Info document
4. Covid Burials Team Plan
5. Burials Team Declaration Form format
6. Medical Helpline Info
7. Covid Suraksha Course Brochure