

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

ORDER

The COVID-19 pandemic not only presents a public health Crisis but also imposes a great financial hardship on most of the vulnerable population. The Government of Haryana has been taking various measures to combat COVID-19 Pandemic. The Govt. is providing free testing and treatment in Govt. Hospitals across the State. Presently, in Haryana there are 12 Government laboratories which are mostly in the Medical colleges, Civil Hospitals and other Government institutions and 07 private laboratories which are NABL accredited and approved by ICMR for testing the samples for COVID-19. As per ICMR circular issued on 17th March, 2020, Rt-PCR testing for COVID-19 was made available through private laboratories and upper limit of single test charges was capped at Rs. 4500/-. Meanwhile Rt-PCR testing kits are now being manufactured in India and are readily available and hence ICMR vide letter dated 25th May, 2020 has communicated to States to negotiate and fix mutually agreeable price for Rt-PCR tests for COVID-19.

2. As per the advice of experts (Recommendations of the committee under Dr V K Paul, Member, NITI Ayog), taking into account the cost of kits and consumables and on the basis of precedents in other States like Delhi, Maharashtra and Telangana, the State Government, in exercise of the powers bestowed under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897; directs that no private laboratory should charge any amount more than **Rs. 2400/-** for Rt-PCR test for COVID-19, inclusive of GST/Taxes, if any, cost involved in pick up, packing and transportation of samples, documentation and reporting in the State of Haryana; and adhere to the following conditions:-

- i. All the testing protocols as laid down by ICMR and the Government of India from time to time shall be followed by the Private Laboratories.
- ii. The Private Laboratories shall share the data pertaining to the results of these tests for COVID-19 with State Government and ICMR on a real time basis through ICMR portal and <https://covidsample.haryana.gov.in>.
- iii. At the time of sampling, the identification, address and verified mobile number of the person, who is being tested, must be noted for record, as per sample referral form (SRF). The data should be uploaded on the Rt-PCR app at the time of taking the sample. The test report should be communicated to the patient immediately after the testing is complete.

- iv. A positive test report should be immediately communicated to the Civil Surgeon of the concerned district through e-mail.
- v. All the private NABL & ICMR approved laboratories are instructed that, information of the patient should be maintained with utmost confidentiality. All the private COVID-19 testing laboratories must preserve the Rt-PCR machine generated data and graphs for future verification by the State Government.
- vi. The laboratories are also instructed to display rates in visible manner.
- vii. The management of approved private laboratories should appoint a Nodal Officer from their side and submit their details to the concerned Civil Surgeon and or Deputy Commissioners.
- viii. All the private NABL & ICMR approved laboratories, in the State are directed to follow the above guidelines meticulously.
- ix. All the Deputy Commissioners and Civil Surgeon in the state shall monitor the above laboratories closely, enforce the rates strictly by giving wide publicity on the issue of COVID-19 tests by the Private NABL & ICMR approved labs in the state.
- x. The new revised rates shall come into force with immediate effect.

This issues with approval of competent authority.

Dated: 19.06.2020
Place: Chandigarh

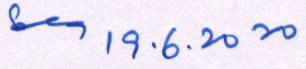
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To

1. The Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana (MER Department)
3. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana
4. Managing Director, HMSCL, Haryana
5. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Haryana
6. All the Deputy Commissioners of State.
7. All the Civil Surgeons of State
8. PS to Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana (Health Department)


Director General Health Services
for: Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana
Health Department