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To

All Civil Surgeons,
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Subject: Regarding advisory on reported novel Coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan city of China.

Please refer to the subject cited above,

An D.O No. Z 28015/01/2020-EMR dated 17/01/2020 is received from MsPreetiSudan ,Secretary, Govt. of India, MoHFW to Chief Secretary (HFW) Haryana vide which they have conveyed that there is outbreak of novel Coronavirus in Wuhan city of China. Affected patients have symptoms and radiological signs of bilateral pneumonia and few of them have developed severe acute respiratory illness. As per information shared by WHO as of 12th January, 2020 forty-one (41) confirmed cases have been detected in Wuhan City with one death. Recently on 13th January, 2020 the Thailand's Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) has reported the first imported case of lab confirmed novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) from China. Copy of DO is enclosed at Annexure 'A'

Hence, in this regards, it is desired that necessary precautions are to be taken to prevent the occurrence of these cases in the State:

1. It is recommended that all District Surveillance Officers intensify the surveillance system for Acute Respiratory Infections/ Influenza like Illness (ARI/ILI) and screening at community level as well as health facility level to identify and respond to clustering of cases for early detection of impending SARI outbreaks through IDSP network. The case definitions for surveillance currently provided by WHO is annexed.
2. It is also advised to all District Surveillance Units to keep a constant vigil and raise the level of awareness and knowledge of surveillance officers and healthcare providers (first or early responders) on case definitions, basic infection prevention control measures and standard precautions to be followed during the care and treatment of suspected patients.
3. It is requested to review the preparedness and response plans/measure at the District level to handle the situation if need arises.
4. In case of any suspected case, District Surveillance Officer should immediately inform State Surveillance Unit .
5. If any travel related case is reported in community, it should be picked up and contacts shall be followed up by respective IDSP units.

6. National Institute of Virology, Pune and 10 other labs under Indian Council of Medical Research's Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories Network are equipped to test such samples.

The technical guidance shared by WHO is enclosed here with..

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1. PS to Worthy Additional Chief Secretary Health, Haryana.
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Annexure

The case definitions for surveillance currently provided by WHO are as follows:

1. A person with SARI, with history of fever and cough requiring admission to hospital, with no other etiology that fully explains the clinical presentation (clinicians should also be alert to the possibility of atypical presentations in patients who are immunocompromised);

AND any of the following

- a. A history of travel to Wuhan, Hubei Province China in the 14 days prior to symptom onset.
 - b. the disease occurs in a health care worker who has been working in an environment where patients with severe acute respiratory infections are being cared for, without regard to place of residence or history of travel;
 - c. the person develops an unusual or unexpected clinical course, especially sudden deterioration despite appropriate treatment, without regard to place of residence or history of travel, even if another etiology has been identified that fully explains the clinical presentation.
2. Individuals with acute respiratory illness of any degree of severity who, within 14 days before onset of illness, had any of the following exposures:
 - a. close physical contact with a confirmed case of nCoV infection, while that patient was symptomatic;
 - b. a healthcare facility in a country where hospital associated nCoV infections have been reported;
 - c. direct contact with animals (if animal source is identified) in countries where the nCoV is known to be circulating in animal populations or where human infections have occurred as a result of presumed zoonotic transmission.