



**COVID-19 (nCorona) Virus Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell**

**Health & Family Welfare Department**

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**ADDENDUM TO THE REVISED TESTING GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19 ISSUED ON  
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**Ref: 1. letter from Secretary Govt. Of India, Department of Health Research, MOHFW and DG ICMR No. R15015/01/2020-1R/pt- Dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**2. Revised Testing Guidelines For Covid-19, February 9, 2021, NO.7/31/F2/2020 / Health, February 9, 2021**

In order to be prepared for further surge of COVID-19 cases in the state, the testing strategy has been revamped based on TPR and active cases. This addendum has been issued to the Revised Testing Guidelines for COVID-19, February 9, 2021. No.7/31/F2/2020 / Health, February 9,2021.

**Table 1. Testing strategy based on seven-day average TPR.**

<b>Local Body Category</b>	<b>Daily target number of COVID tests</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Local bodies with 7-day average TPR >30%	Number of positive cases in the <b>last 3 days</b> X <b>10</b>	Antigen / RTPCR / Other
Local bodies with 7-day average TPR between 20%-30%	Number of positive cases in the <b>last 3 days</b> X <b>6</b>	Antigen / RTPCR / Other
Local bodies with 7-day average TPR between 2%-20%	Number of positive cases in <b>the last 3 days</b> X <b>3</b>	Antigen / RTPCR / Other
Local bodies with 7-day average TPR <2%	Number of positive cases in the <b>last 3 days</b> X <b>5</b>	RTPCR pooled testing, (5 samples in one pool)



Eg: The Panchayath with 7 day average TPR 30%

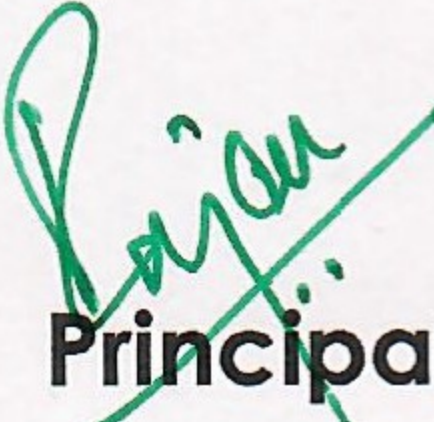
Day 1- cases 100 , Day 2 – cases 100 and Day 3 cases – 100

Total cases in the last three days 300. Around 3000 testing to be done daily for the next three days. This way the cycle need to be repeated.

The District Surveillance Unit shall do the analysis and give specific targets for testing in each Panchayath/ Wards in Municipalities and Corporation. The district surveillance unit may do strategic changes as per the need and situation in the Panchayath.

The following additional points are to be followed:

1. **Surveillance samples-** (Category 16), described in the revised testing guidelines given in the reference above should also be given priority. The District surveillance Officers may give instructions to the peripheral institutions to identify institutions, industries, factories, establishments etc as well as sections of the community where further surveillance is required. While **generating SRF IDs** of such Surveillance samples on the online portal (LDMS), the “**Category of patient**” should be selected as “**Others**” followed by the appropriate **sub group** (SSGr ...etc) to which the individual belongs.
2. **Additional testing drives and campaigns** including **mobile testing laboratories** should be given focus to increase testing.
3. District Health Authorities shall continue to support and provide logistical support to laboratories for the smooth conduct.

  
Principal Secretary