

From

Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana,
Public Health Engineering Department,
Haryana Chandigarh.

To

All Superintending Engineers,
Public Health Engineering Department
Haryana.

Memo No.1/2/2020-5PHE
Dated, Chandigarh 24.03.2020

Sub: **COVID- 2019 - CONTINGENT PLAN.**

In continuation of EIC, PHED memo No. 29991-30063 dated 16.03.2020 and 32098-166 dated 20.03.20 on matters relating to COVID - 19, I may bring to your notice that in view of the increasing spread of COV- 19, a calibrated and pragmatic approach is required for strategizing effective steps for controlling COVID.

It is therefore requested that in view of the seriousness of the prevailing situation, the following actions may be taken forthwith:

1. Adequate and safe drinking water should be ensured in the rural and urban areas, especially in the containment zones or areas demarcated for isolation of the affected people or people suspected with COVID.
2. It should be ensured that proper and adequate chlorination is carried out as per established protocols, before supplying drinking water to the public. Testing for residual chlorine maybe stepped up exponentially at the source of supply to obviate any chances of contamination at the consumers' end .
3. Water quality surveillance should be ramped up to ensure supply of drinking water, in consonance with the standards prescribed in IS: 10500: 2012, with latest amendments. In case of failure of sample, a repetitive sample be taken and in the event of successive failure, the causative factor for failure be established urgently followed by immediate remedial measures.
4. It maybe ensured that the existing sewerage system in the cities is fully functional. The sewerage networks should run optimally to prevent unhygienic conditions and morbidity. Similarly, the STPs for treatment of sewage emanating from the cities should be operationalize for optimum functioning. It maybe appreciated that in this period of crisis, the immune system of the people has to remain strong for combating the virus.
5. No unauthorized person or stranger shall enter the premises of the PHED installations. Strangers with an unknown past history could be potential carriers of the virus and many a times the affected persons remains asymptomatic.
6. Every installation shall have seamless availability of sanitizers for use by the operation and maintenance staff.
7. The Operator shall at least, twice a day, sanitize frequently touched surfaces,such as switches, door knobs, valves etc within the pump houses.
8. Office/ work places shall be sanitized twice a day including tables, chair arms, computers, scanners, photo copiers, electric switches, door handles and knobs, staircase railings etc
9. Official cars/ jeeps shall be kept clean.

10. Non - essential works involving public shall be restricted.
11. Public interface maybe discouraged to the extent possible.
12. It should be made mandatory for executing agencies to ensure that the labour engaged at site is provided masks, sanitizers and other protections.
13. Digital correspondence between officers be promoted to avoid unnecessary interface between officers, to the maximum possible extent.
14. Some reports suggest that the virus also takes the fecal route, though it is still not validated. However, as a measure of precaution, no worker should be allowed to descend a manhole without protective mask, gloves and other prescribed gear. Direct human contact with feces has to be avoided.
15. One SDE in each Division should be designated as a Nodal Officer to overview the arrangement of the required logistics and wherewithal's, required for taking preventive steps against COV- 19. The officer should, preferably have flair and aptitude for such tasks, which are now paramount in nature.
16. A cohesive and syncretic coordination should be maintained with the District Administration/ District Health Department for effective containment of the virus.
17. These instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned under your jurisdiction for immediate and strict compliance. It is expected that during these challenging and exceptional times, all resources at your command shall be deployed optimally and meaningfully to provide safe and adequate water supply to the public with an enhanced environment.

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Under Secretary

For Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana,
Public Health Engg. Department, Haryana

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A copy of the above is also forwarded to the following for information & necessary action:-

- (i) PS/ Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Public Health Engineering Department, Haryana Chandigarh.
- (ii) PS/Special Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Public Health Engineering Department, Haryana.
- (iii) Engineer –in-Chief, Public Health Engineering Department, Haryana. Further he is directed to send the same to All SEs, PHED in Haryana through email or any means of communication telecommunication.