

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA**

No. CORONA-2020/ CR 84 /Arogya-5  
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To

All District Collectors  
All Municipal Commissioners

**Subject:** WHO Maharashtra Team's support for COVID response and coordination

**Reference:** Zoom VC on Hon'ble HFM interaction with WHO field staff for COVID-19 containment - April 15

Dear Colleagues,

**World Health Organization** (WHO) National Public Health Surveillance Project (NPSP) has supported the State Health Department in area of Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance and strengthening of Immunization activities through strategic support in advocacy, micro-planning, capacity building, monitoring and technical support.

The Team WHO-NPSP has played pivotal role in COVID response and coordination. I would like to urge you to seek their continued support in following area of work,

- **Capacity Building (Trainings):**
  - Epidemiology and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) of Medical officers
  - Training of front line workers (FLWs)
  - COVID CIF filling training of DSO, MOs, Residents, Nodal officers of COVID Hospitals
  - Sensitization of IMA, IAP and CSOs for COVID cases (SARI Surveillance) reporting
- **Containment activity:**
  - Virtual training to health workers and medical officers for creating containment zone
  - Microplanning support at Districts and Corporations for cluster containment
  - Monitoring of containment areas and sharing feedback
- **Advocacy through Task force:**
  - Member of Divisional Task Force for technical support
  - Monitoring with Collectors and Commissioners through field visits
  - Support regular video conference and review of COVID response and coordination


- **Technical Support and Coordination:**

- Assessment of COVID Management Hospitals. 100+ hospital assessment is done
- Training and operationalization of sentinel site SARI (Sever Acute Respiratory Illness) Surveillance
- Training and technical support for contact tracing

- **Data Analysis:**

- Desk review of CIFs and report generation through linelist
- Data cleaning and correction through regular review at District/Corporation in coordination with IDSP/Epid Cell
- Analyze and assess COVID logistics i.e. N95, Triple layer masks, PPE stock, VTM etc.

The crucial coordination between IDSP and WHO-NPSP network was highlighted by Hon. Union Health Minister and Secretary Health (H & FW) in recent video-conferences with field staff. I am sure you would extend required access and support to WHO team (NPSP, NTEP, IHCI & NTD) to reinforce the current COVID response and coordination.

  
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