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Novel Corona virus Media Bulletin Dated 21/03/2020

WHO has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) epidemic affecting 175 countries as International Public Health Emergency of International Concern. Globally 2,34,073 confirmed cases and 9,840 deaths reported from WHO. Till now India reported 244 positive cases and 4 death reported. In this context, Madhya Pradesh state has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease. Till date 1159 travellers from Corona affected countries have been identified and 663 are under home isolation and 403 completed their observation period. 57 samples are sent to NIV Pune, Indra Gandhi Govt. Medical college, Nagpur, AIIMS Bhopal & NIRTH Jabalpur for testing out of which 4 samples are positive, 43 samples are negative & 10 sample awaited. 104 call centre is activated at state level for call receiving about information and guidance for COVID-19. Till now 2988 calls has attended. Screenings of passengers coming from affected countries are going on Indore, Bhopal, Jabalpur and Gwalior Airport. Till now 12,576 passengers are screened.

State Government issued advisories to Chief Medical and Health Officers about case definitions, sample collection, transportation and preparedness to control and contain Novel Corona Virus Disease. Public should follow the cough etiquette by covering the nose and mouth using handkerchief/towel

While sneezing/coughing. Do frequent hand washing with soap and water. Those who have arrived from the corona affected countries should remain under strict home isolation for 28 days from the date of arrival in India.

State Surveillance Unit is in regular contact with Central Surveillance Unit IDSP New Delhi for update new guidelines and advisories. Enrolment of new suspected.

In the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh Video conference has been organised with all Divisional Commissioners, District Collectors, Superintendent of Police, Chief medical & Health Officer & Heads
of others department. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh instructed all the officers were instructed to keep preparations on war footing in their district for prevention and treatment of COVID-2019 disease. Heads of all departments of Madhya Pradesh were present in the video conferencing. Chief Secretary also took a meeting with the religious leaders of all religions, in which he has requested not to hold a mass meeting in their community.

All medical and paramedical staff working in 104 help line services under National Health Mission were provided training regarding covid-2019 disease. Public Health and Family Welfare Department has also created Facebook and Twitter pages for public awareness and prevention regarding diseases.

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