OFFICE ORDER

With the expansion of the testing protocol as circulated vide letter no. NMHID-1/2020-IDSP-Section-NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION-HP-Part(3)-2728 dated 21st March 2020, it is expected that there will be increased number of the persons who will require testing for COVID-19. To meet with this enhanced demand, the following protocol shall be followed:

1. Dedicated teams with one Medical Officer, one Lab Technician/Paramedic and two police personnel will be constituted to collect samples from the homes of all symptomatic healthcare workers and all asymptomatic direct & high risk contacts of a confirmed case who need to be tested once between day 5 and day 14 after the last contact in each district.

2. Every district will get two-four medical officers and two-four Lab Technicians/Paramedics trained to do the sampling as per the requirement.

3. These training will be imparted for District Kangra, Chamba, Hamirpur, Una, Kullu, Mandi and Lahaul at Dr RPGMC Tanda and for Districts Shimla, Bilaspur, Sirmour, Kinnaur, Solan and Spiti at IGMC Shimla.

4. Every District will provide a dedicated vehicle for movement of this team either from available pool of vehicles/Ambulances with them or they may hire a vehicle for this purpose.

5. This team will be provided with all the required consumables in terms of the personal protective equipments required as per protocol and the necessary items required for collection and packing of the samples as per bio-safety standards.

6. This team will move to the homes of all the persons whose samples are to be collected as per testing protocol in vogue.

7. Collected and packaged samples shall be sent to the notified laboratories i.e. IGMC Shimla and Dr. RPGMC Tanda (at present) from the respective districts attached with these institutions by the concerned Chief Medical Officer.

Additional Chief Secretary (Health) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh
Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. All Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh
2. Director Health Services, Himachal Pradesh
3. Director Medical Education and Research, Himachal Pradesh
4. All Chief Medical Officers, Himachal Pradesh with the directions to identify the staff immediately and coordinate with respective Nodal Officers of IGMC Shimla and Dr RPGMC Tanda for training and further necessary action.
5. Principals IGMC Shimla and Dr RPGMC Tanda with the directions to ensure the training of the identified manpower through their nodal departments.

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