

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (A) DEPARTMENT
DISPUR, GUWAHATI – 781006**

No. HLA.614/2020/7

Dated Dispur the 15th May, 2021.

ORDER

SOP for management of COVID-19 patients in the Tea Gardens of Assam 13-05-2021.

Whereas, the number of COVID-19 positive cases are increasing across the state and also in the Tea Gardens in different districts,

Whereas, the home isolation facilities in the Tea Garden areas may not be up to the required criteria for allowing Home Isolation, the following guidelines are issued for management of COVID-19 positive cases in all the Tea Gardens of Assam:

1. All Tea Garden personnel should be systematically tested for COVID positive cases on regular basis.
2. No home isolation will be allowed for any COVID positive person detected in the tea garden area including the labour lines and adjoining bastis.
3. One or more community hall/school/similar infrastructure with safe drinking water, sufficient toilet facility and electricity supply shall be identified and earmarked in each tea garden as COVID Care Centre(s). In case of deficiencies, immediate necessary actions shall be taken by the Labour Inspector in consultation with Tea Garden Management and Circle officer concerned to make such structures operational. The Tea Garden Management shall provide all support in setting up the CCCs and making available existing buildings for the purpose.
4. The nearest CHO and concerned ANM and ASHA shall be made responsible for maintaining the medical facilities in the CCC along with assistance from the Tea Garden Management and District administration for other management and administrative supports.
5. The Concerned Circle Officer shall appoint a Government Official to supervise the CCC including logistics and mobility of the patients and for daily reporting.
6. Only asymptomatic COVID positive cases shall be kept in the Tea Garden CCC.
7. Each Tea Garden CCC will be supplied with 3 numbers of Oxymeters, COVID and general medicines required for the patients and other support for refreshment and maintenance of the CCC.
8. Govt of Assam has already issued instructions for providing refreshments to the inpatients in CCCs to the tune of Rs 300/- per day and the same shall be made available to all the tea garden CCCs as well.



9. Similarly, for maintaining sanitation and hygiene in the tea garden CCCs, local employees may be engaged, with all COVID protective gears and training with wages up to Rs. 16,000/- per person, as already allowed for other CCCs, with the approval of Deputy Commissioner.
10. Each Tea Garden CCC will be assigned a Vehicle with COVID appropriate protection to carry any inpatient developing serious symptoms to the nearest COVID Hospital/District Hospital. Necessary steps in this regard shall be taken by the Circle Officer concerned.
11. The nearest Medical institution (PHC/CHC/Model Hospital/District Hospital) shall notify a Medical Officer responsible for proper management of patients of these CCCs including daily visits to the CCCs. The Joint Director Health Services shall supervise their activity and ensure sufficient supply of necessary COVID protective materials including masks, gloves, sanitizers, PPEs etc for the personnel engaged in these CCCs.
12. Further, any tea garden where the daily number of new COVID patients is equal or more than 5 or the cumulative active patient count is more than 20 shall be declared as containment zones with immediate effect. However, depending up on the geographic pattern of the Tea Garden, containment zone may be limited to labour line/division or the practical unit suitable for containment as recommended by the Tea Garden Management and the Local Circle Officer.
13. The residents inside the containment zone are to be provided relief as per relevant guidelines of ASDMA or from Health Department for such instances. Necessary logistical arrangements for the same shall be undertaken by the Circle Officer concerned.
14. The inhabitants within such Containment zones shall be mandatorily tested for COVID and the restrictions shall be lifted only after meeting the criteria specifically mentioned above.
15. The concerned circle officer shall report the status in each tea garden under his jurisdiction to the Deputy Commissioner of the district/ SDO(Civil) on daily basis which will be subsequently consolidated and further reported to ASDMA and Health department on daily basis until further orders.
16. The overall responsibility of maintenance of strict COVID appropriate protocol in the Tea Garden Areas including the management of CCCs shall be with the Deputy Commissioner of the district/ SDO(Civil). Necessary expenditures for these activities may be undertaken from the funds available under SDRF or District Health Society following all financial norms.

This SOP shall come into effect immediately.

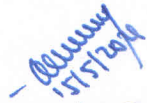


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4. The Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary, Labour Welfare Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
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12. The Superintendent all Medical College & Hospital, Assam.
13. The Deputy Commissioner (all districts).
14. The Joint Director of Health Services (all districts).
15. The Secretary Assam Branch Indian Tea Association (ABITA), Guwahati.
16. The Secretary, Tea Association of India (TAI), Guwahati.
17. The Secretary, Assam Tea Planters' Association (ATPA), Jorhat.
18. The Secretary, Bharatiya Cha Parishad (BCP), Dibrugarh.
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By order etc.,


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