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Office of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai-6.

Dated: 26.06.2021

Sub: Public Health and Preventive Medicine - COVID-19 pandemic - Ease of Lockdown - Monitoring Industries and Services Establishments by Local Health Authority - Instructions issued - Regarding.

Ref:

- 1. G.O(Ms).No.191, Health and Family Welfare (P1) Department, Dated:16.04.2020.
- 2. Instructions of Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai.

It is to state that, subsequent to decline in incidence of COVID-19 cases, the Government have eased lockdown which was in force from 10.05.2021. This creates a favorable environment for the spread of the disease, if COVID Appropriate Behavior is not followed/enforced.

In order to contain the spread, COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures issued by the department from time to time has to be adhered by the Industries and Services establishments and immunization has to be ensured among vulnerable groups at industries and workplace.

In this regard, all Deputy Director of Health Services and City Health Officer, Greater Chennai Corporation are instructed,

- To monitor Industries and Services establishments for adherence to COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures and enforce the same through Tamil Nadu Public Health Act - 1939 by fixing responsibility on area Health Inspector/Block Health Supervisor/Non-Medical Supervisor/ Technical P.A to DDHS.
- 2. To carry out surveillance at work place/industries on weekly basis.
- 3. To identify the symptomatic staff and to carryout SOP like taking sample, isolation, contact tracing and disinfection etc.,
- 4. To ensure 100% vaccination of staff at workplace to break the chain of transmission.

 The Health Inspectors/Sanitary Inspectors should be vested with the said responsibility. The Action taken report has to be submitted to this office with a copy marked to JD (Epidemics).

The following areas to be concentrated:-

- All areas in the premises including the following shall be disinfected completely using user friendly disinfectant mediums:
 - a. Entrance Gate of building, office etc.
 - b. Cafeteria and canteens.
 - c. Meeting room, Conference halls / open areas available / verandah / entrance gate of site, bunkers, porta cabins, building etc.
 - d. Equipment and lifts.
 - e. Washroom, toilet, sink, water points etc.
 - f. Walls / all other surface.
- For workers coming from outside, special transportation facility will be arranged without any dependency on the public transport system. These vehicles should be allowed to work only with 30-40% passenger capacity.
- All vehicles and machinery entering the premise should be disinfected by spray mandatorily.
- 4. Mandatory thermal scanning of everyone entering and exiting the work Place to be done.
- 5. Medical insurance for the workers to be made mandatory.
- Provision for hand wash & sanitizer preferably with touch free mechanism
 will be made at all entry and exit points and common areas. Sufficient
 quantities of all the items should be available.
- Work places shall have a gap of one hour between shifts and will stagger the lunch breaks of staff, to ensure social distancing.
- 8. Large gatherings or meetings of 10 or more people to be discouraged. Seating at least 6 feet away from others on job sites and in gatherings, meetings and training sessions.

- Not more than 2/4 persons (depending on size) will be allowed to travel in lifts or hoists.
- 10. Use of staircase for climbing should be encouraged.
- There should be strict ban of gutka, tobacco etc., and spitting should be strictly prohibited.
- 12. There should be total ban on non-essential visitors at sites.
- 13. Hospitals / clinics in the nearby areas, which are authorized to treat COVID-19 patients, should be available at work place all the times.
- 14. General Public and Staff who visit Office be asked to wash the hands with hand sanitizers or soap water. Hand sanitizer should be kept at the entrance of all offices for this purpose.
- 15. In all offices sanitizers should be provided at appropriate places and soap must be made available in rest rooms for frequent hand washing.

Further, instruct the bigger establishment/institutions to appoint qualified Health Inspectors to Monitor SOPs.

for Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai- 6.

To:

- 1. All the Deputy Director of Health Services.
- 2. The City Health Officer, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai-3 Copy Submitted to:
- 1. The Principal Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9
- 2. The Principal Secretary to Government (OSD), Health and Family Welfare Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9
- 3. The Principal Secretary/Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai-3.
- 4. The Commissioner of Municipal Administration, Urban Administrative Building, Santhome High Road, Chennai-28
- 5. The Director of Town Panchayats, Urban Administrative Building, Santhome High Road, Chennai-28