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

Dated: 31.01.2022

Sub: Public Health and Preventive Medicine - Epidemics - COVID-19 -
Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) related to re-opening of
schools (Government, Govt aided and private) and Colleges - Issued.

- Ref:
1. Hon'ble Chief Minister Press release No.187 Dated:
27.01.2022 regarding re-opening of Schools/Colleges by
Department of Information and Public Relation.
 2. GO (Ms)No. 164 Higher Education (A2) Department dated
27/8/2021,
 3. Letter No 28024/D M.IV(2)/2021-1 dated 26.8.2021 of
Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Chennai-9.
 4. GO (Ms) No.504 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV)
Department dated 07/8/2021.

Attention of all the Deputy Directors of Health Officers and Corporation
Health Officers is drawn to the reference first cited, it was proposed that classes
for 1st to 12th standards shall be permitted to be conducted in all the schools
(Government, Govt. aided and private) and Colleges with effect from 01/02/2022 by
duly following the appropriate standard operating procedures and SOPs for Colleges
have been issued in the Government Order 2nd cited above and SOPs for Schools
have been issued in the letter 3rd cited above.

The following guidelines are issued for following SOPs in Schools and Colleges.

1. Ensure COVID Appropriate Behaviour :-

All the students/staff in the school/college should,

- (a) be wearing face mask covering nose and mouth all the time
- (b) Perform hand washing / hand sanitation at regular intervals.
- (c) Not be permitted for group lunch.

2. Disinfection:

Disinfection should be carried out twice daily using 1% sodium hypochlorite solution.

3. Screening for Symptoms:-

- All the students/staff in the school/College should be screened for fever using contactless thermal scanner before entering the school/college campus.
- If anybody is found to have Fever/Symptoms, they should be tested for COVID-19 by RT-PCR test and Quarantined till results come. If found to be positive, they should be isolated and treated as per guidelines.
- If any contacts develop symptoms, they should be tested for COVID-19 by RT-PCR test and managed as per guidelines.

4. Vaccination:

- All Eligible staff should be vaccinated with two doses.
- 15-18 years of students should be vaccinated.

5. Display Signages and markings for enforcing physical/social distancing and safety protocols -

- Displaying posters/messages/stickers and signage at appropriate places in the schools reminding students about maintaining physical/social distancing such as inside the classroom, libraries, outside washrooms, hand washing stations, drinking water areas, school kitchen. halls, classrooms, buses/ cabs parking, entry and exits.
- Ban on spitting shall be strictly enforced.
- Marking circles on ground at different places like reception, water facility stations, hand washing stations, area outside washrooms, and other areas.
- Marking separate lanes with arrows for coming and going at all possible places in college to avoid physical contact.

6. Sensitize students, parents, teachers, community members and staff on COVID-19 related challenges and their role:

- (a) Prior to reopening of school, arrangements may be made for sensitization of teachers, parents, staff, and members of Management Committee through online/offline modes such as pamphlets, letters, public

announcement systems in villages, urban wards etc. on COVID appropriate behavior such as:

- Required do's and don'ts including maintenance of hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces.
- Maintaining physical distance.
- Hygienic practices necessary for the prevention of COVID-19.
- Stigmas attached to COVID-19
- Thermal screening for fever detection
- Avoiding attending school if having symptoms and seeking medical care.

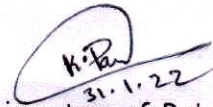
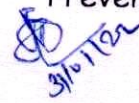
(b) Teachers and students belonging to containment zones shall not attend the school and other educational institutions until the containment zone is denotified.

(c) Students and teachers shall be advised not to visit areas falling within containment zone.

(d) All employees who are at higher risk ie, older employees, pregnant employees and employees who have underlying medical conditions to take extra precautions.

All the Deputy Directors of Health Services, Corporation Health Officers and Municipal Health Officers are instructed to ensure that the above mentioned

SOPs are followed scrupulously in all Schools & Colleges by School administration & College administration in their respective jurisdiction.


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for Director of Public Health and
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2. The City Health Officer, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai-3.
3. All the Corporation Health Officers
4. All Municipal Health Officers.

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