

Notification

Guidelines for managing Primary Contacts to COVID 19 patients

- a. Definition of 'primary contact': "interaction with the case for more than 15 minutes, breach in wearing mouth mask and not maintaining social distancing".
- b. Tracing of primary contacts
- c. Information and communication to all members at FDS to identify themselves as primary contacts (if they fulfill the definition of primary contact)
- d. The primary contacts to self-quarantine for 2 weeks and go for testing between the 5th and 10th day of last exposure to the positive case
- e. The test result to be shared with HICC – Chairperson/ Nodal officer for documentation
- f. If the test is positive, the protocol is as per the MoH, GoK guidelines
- g. If the test is negative, it is still recommended to continue self-quarantine for next one week (2 weeks total)

Guidelines for managing COVID 19 positive staff

- a. To follow the guidelines given by MoH, GoK on isolation and self-quarantine based on symptoms.
- b. To submit the test results to HICC on regular basis
- c. After being discharged (Tested Negative), staff to report to duty after 14 days of self-quarantine

Guidelines for managing accidental exposure to COVID 19 case

a. **Definitions:**

High risk exposure: "Performed aerosol generating procedures without appropriate PPE, HCWs without mask/face-shield/ goggles, having face to face contact with COVID-19 case within 1 meter for more than 15 minutes or having accidental exposure to body fluids"

Low risk exposure: Contacts who do not meet criteria of high risk exposure

- b. Health workers with high risk exposure, to inform HICC and go for self -quarantine 2 weeks and get the test for COVID 19 and report the results to HICC
- c. If they test positive the existing protocol issued by Government of Karnataka to be followed
- d. The HICC to initiate contact tracing for primary contacts
- e. Low risk contacts shall continue to work. They will self-monitor their health for development of symptoms
- f. For HCWs (with low risk exposure), who continue to work and develop symptoms, to report to HICC and go for self-quarantine and testing. The protocols mentioned for 'Primary Contacts' has to be followed

General guidelines:

- a. All staff including both teaching and non-teaching to refrain from unnecessary movements in-and-out of the dental hospital for tea breaks
- b. Strictly adhere to temperature check and assessment for COVID 19 protocols at the entrance
- c. Avoid clustering and maintain minimum of 6 feet distance from each
- d. Compulsory wearing of mouth mask
- e. Compulsory disinfection procedures to be followed in all critical areas
- f. Sanitation of toilets to be strictly maintained by house-keeping staff

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