

NO.TO-VII(PH)NCOV-2/2020/32 GOVERNMENT OF SINDH HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Karachi, Dated: May 9, 2020

SUBJECT: ADVISORY FOR OFFICES REGARDING COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS)

- **i.** General Administration shall ensure effective disinfection of the all the offices three times in a week especially surfaces of installations, chairs, tables and doors.
- **ii.** All staff shall wear the mask. General Administration shall ensure that all staff is provided with mask to wear.
- **iii.** The thermal guns shall be provided at entrance of the department for screening of all officers' and employees' body temperatures. No person with fever, cough, flu, shortness of breath and body pain shall be allowed to enter into the office premises.
- **iv.** Crowding of people shall strictly be avoided. Every person may be counseled for keeping a distance of 1 meter (3 feet) for seating. Social Distancing messages must be pasted and practiced everywhere.
- v. All persons including staff with cough, flu, body ache or shortness of breath and elderly people more than 50 years and with co-morbidities like diabetes, hypertension, kidney diseases, allergic, asthmatic and immune-compromised state are advised to remain at home.
- **vi.** All staff of essential services and designated/notified offices from time to time shall remain on duty and/or on call during the course of global emergency of COVID-19.
- **vii.** All employees with travel history abroad are advised to ensure strict quarantine at home and social distancing for prevention of spread of COVID-19.
- viii. All persons at offices must perform hand hygiene frequently with soap and water or a hand sanitizer. General Administration shall install sanitizers within office premises and shall ensure refilling on daily basis.
- **ix.** The employees should strictly be advised to cover their nose and mouth while sneezing or coughing with your flexed elbow or use a tissue. Dispose the tissue immediately after use. Please avoid spitting and avoid touching your face. The same employee may be advised for home quarantine and testing for COVID-19
- **x.** All the employees should also be advised not to smoke.
- **xi.** There should be no office visit by any public during this emergency. However, in case of any public complaint, online public complaint portal should be circulated in mass media.
- **xii.** One third of office strength staff on rotation basis should be allowed to attend office by ensuring all protocols of social distancing, infection prevention and disinfection. Entire

staff must be screened for symptoms before calling them to attend the respective offices. However, remaining staff shall be designated for home based work or meeting through telecommunication channels including ZOOM, SKYPE or VIDEOCON.

- **xiii.** There should be a health desk for health education, screening and awareness regarding COVID-19 in at entry of each department.
- **xiv.** The toilets must be cleaned and washed regularly by ensuring disinfection protocols. General Administration shall ensure through deploying sufficient number of staff for this purpose.
- xv. All symptomatic and suspect employees of the department must be screened and tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible. The Administrative head of the Department shall forward the list of symptomatic or suspect employees with details (Name, Age, Designation, Address and Contact Number) to Coordinator, pEOC Sindh at <u>sindh.covid19@gmail.com</u> for sampling and testing at their home.
- xvi. The advisory is issued in line with Home Department Order No. SO(Jud-I)/HD/8-1/(04)/2020-Corona/SOPs Dated: 14th April 2020 (Annexure-A)

In case of any query, please contact the COVID Control Room. This is operational 24/7 for your facilitation and guidance.

COVID Control Room Contact No. 021-99204452 021-99206565 0316-0111712

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- 3. The Chief Executive Officer, Sindh Healthcare Commission, Karachi
- 4. The Coordinator for Emergency Operation Centre for Routine Immunization and Polio Eradication, Health Department, Government of Sindh Karachi
- 5. The Deputy Commissioners (all).....District
- 6. The District Health Officers (all), Health Department, Government of Sindh
- 7. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Minister Sindh, Karachi (Task Force Secretariat)
- 8. The Deputy Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi
- 9. The PS to Minister Health and Population Welfare Department, Karachi
- 10. The PS to Secretary Health Department, Government of Sindh Karachi
- 11. All Administrative Heads of the Departments
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