GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT PUDUCHERRY DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY -000-

No. 1303 2020/DRDm/DM/2020/7 Puducherry, the 16/03/2020

WHEREAS, Novel Corona Virus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) is a fast spreading respiratory disease all over the world and the Community is at increasing risk of infection of the disease as some cases with travel history abroad has been reported in other States. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India keeping in view of the spread of COVID-19 virus in India and the declaration of COVID-19 as pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO), by way of a special one-time dispensation, has decided to treat it as a notified disaster for the purpose of providing assistance under SDRF.

AND WHEREAS, in order to respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation in the U.T. of Puducherry, the following guidelines are issued for adherence at Screening Centres of all hospitals;

- > Standard Precautions to be followed at all patient care areas: hand hygiene, gloves and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) to avoid direct contact with patient's blood, body fluids, secretions and non-intact skin, prevention of needle stick/ sharp injury and cleaning and disinfection of the environment and equipment
- > Patients of nCoV-2019 to be attended in a separate area so as to avoid these patients further infecting other patients in Out Patient Department
- > The Screening area should be well ventilated to ensure frequent air changes. If airconditioned, then independent from central air conditioning
- Patient's seating to have at least one metre clearance on all sides
- > Overcrowding of patients shall be avoided
- The waiting area shall be adequately cleaned and disinfected
- Facility for hand wash/ washrooms shall be provided
- "Guidelines for Screening Centres" provided in the website ncdc.gov.in shall be strictly followed.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 30(2)(v) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 the undersigned hereby directs the department/ offices concerned to adhere to the instructions issued in this Order and enforce it wherever required and also to take such measures for the prevention/ mitigation of disease nCOVID-19. This Order shall come into force with immediate effect and continue till it is rescinded.

(Dr. T. ARUN, I.A.S)
DISTRICT COLLECTOR-CUM-CHAIRMAN
PUDUCHERRY DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY

To The Director of Health & Family Welfare Services, Puducherry.

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- 6. The P.S. to all Ministers, Puducherry.
- 7. The Regional Administrator, Mahe/ Yanam.