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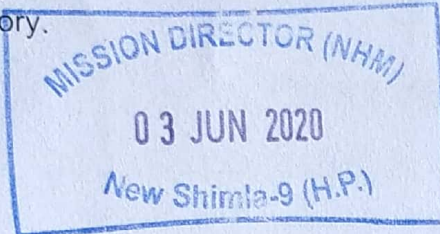
OFFICE ORDER

To increase the testing for COVID 19 in the State of Himachal Pradesh, GOI has provided five TruNAAT Machines. These TruNAAT Machines have been provided at Dr. YSPGMC Nahan, Pt. JLNGMC Chamba, Dr. RKGMC Hamirpur, RH Una and Zonal Hospital Mandi and are currently being installed. In addition to existing guidelines for testing for COVID-19 (including the biosafety precautions for sample collection and transportation), the following guidelines need to be followed:

1. Since TrueNat is a screening test, therefore a confirmatory test is necessary. Accordingly, the sites mentioned above are being mapped with an existing laboratory registered with ICMR for real time RT-PCR testing for COVID-19. The mapping of these testing site is as under:
 - a. Dr. YSPGMC Nahan: CRI Kasuli
 - b. Pt. JLNGMC Chamba : Dr. RPGMC Tanda
 - c. Dr. RKGMC Hamirpur: IHBT Palampur
 - d. RH Una: Dr. RPGMC Tanda
 - e. Zonal Hospital Mandi: SLBSGMC Nerchowk, Mandi
2. Negative test results obtained by the TruNAAT laboratory will be deemed as final for that episode of testing.
3. Positive test results obtained by the TruNAAT laboratory will be deemed as provisional and will be considered as confirmatory only after availability of RT-PCR test results by the concerned mapped laboratory registered for COVID-19 RT-PCR testing.
4. These testing laboratories shall ensure immediate/ real-time reporting to the concerned District authorities (CMO, DSO, MS) and State Surveillance Officer (IDSP) for timely initiation of contact tracing.
5. Each TruNAAT laboratory initiating COVID-19 testing should essentially register on the ICMR portal and get a username and password. The contact mail for obtaining login credentials to ICMR portal is:
support.dmu@bmi.icmr.org.in.

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6. The report should be uploaded on the online portal of ICMR. Data entry should be ensured on a daily real-time basis.
7. Transportation of the sample(s), on positive result by TruNAAT, for further confirmation by RT-PCR will be the responsibility of the concerned TruNAAT laboratory.



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2. The Director Health Services, Himachal Pradesh for information.
3. The Director of Medical Education and Research, Himachal Pradesh.
4. All the Chief Medical Officers, in Himachal Pradesh.
5. All the Principals, Govt. Medical Colleges, Himachal Pradesh.
6. All the Medical Superintendents, Himachal Pradesh.
7. All the District Surveillance Officers, Himachal Pradesh.
8. Nodal Officers, RT-PCR Testing Centres for COVID-19.

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