



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

General Administration Department- COVID 19 containment activities- setting up of a Nodal Team for management of antibody test- orders issued.

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### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SECRET SECTION) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.(Ms)No. 76/2020/GAD**

**Dated,Thiruvananthapuram 15.04.2020**

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### ORDER

As a measure to streamline all the activities for lab testings to detect the Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) spread in the State, Government are pleased to set up a State Nodal Team headed by Dr. A Jayathilak IAS, Principal Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs, with following members, for the management of antibody test in both Government and Private sectors.

1. Smt. Anupama T V IAS, Director, CPMU
2. Dr. Sriram Venkitaraman IAS, Joint Secretary, Health Department
3. Dr. Renu RajIAS, Staff Officer to Chief Secretary
4. Additional Director of Health Services(as per G.O.(Rt) no.709/2020/H&FWD dated 11.04.2020)
5. Representative of IT Department/IT Mission

2. Following guidelines are issued to facilitate the functioning of the Nodal Team:

i. The Nodal Team shall share the data with Health Department, on daily basis, so as to undertake further confirmatory tests through RT-PCR tests at designated laboratories.

ii. Nodal Team shall give adequate publicity through I & PRD regarding the antibody testing.

iii. Nodal Team shall monitor logistics at field level for facilitating the testing.

iv. The private units shall share all data mandatorily to Government under DM Act so that RT-PCR tests can be undertaken by Health Department in all such cases which test positive in antibodies test. Results of this test will be informed to individuals only 24 hours after sharing the data with Health Department. Data will not be shared by Government or Private labs or by any person with media under any circumstances, unless authorised by the Chief Secretary. Any violation will invite penal provisions under the Disaster Management Act 2005.

v. District Collectors, in their capacity as Chairman of District Disaster Management Authority shall take appropriate action to ensure that these tests are

carried out in a random manner as per the guidelines issued by the Health & Family Welfare Department as per GO(Rt) No.709/2020/H& FWD dated 11/04/2020.

vi. The Nodal team headed by Dr A Jayathilak shall have all powers to give directions, implement and coordinate with nodal teams and various sero-surveillance teams at the district level. The team will work closely with the District Collectors to ensure smooth and timely progress of the testing process.

vii. Dr A Jayathilak will work directly under the supervision of Dr Vishwas Mehta, ACS ( Home) in close coordination with Dr Rajan Khobragade, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department for the purpose of antibody tests in Government and Private labs and will keep Chief Secretary informed on a daily basis.

(By Order of the Governor)

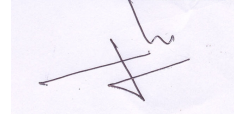
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**CHIEF SECRETARY**

To

Additional Chief Secretary, Home & Vigilance Department  
Principal Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management  
Principal Secretary, Planning & Economic Affairs Department  
Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department  
Secretary, E&IT Department  
Secretary, I&PRD  
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