

Government of Karnataka

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Vikasa Soudha
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Subject: Measures to be implemented in view of increase of Covid-19 cases in the state regarding.

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Karnataka has observed a significant decline in the number of Covid-19 cases in the recent past. However, a rise in cases has been noted since past few weeks i.e. 493 cases in the week ending 08th March 2023 have increased to 604 in week ending 15th March 2023 with a positivity rate of 2.77% which is higher than India's rate of 0.61% during the same period. Districts of Shivamogga, Kalaburagi, Mysuru and Uttara Kannada has shown the maximum increase in weekly cases.

The current state of affairs in the state demands for an in-depth examination of the Covid-19 situation at micro level and implementation of necessary measures for effective management of Covid-19. The five-fold strategy viz., Test, Trace, Track, Treat, and Vaccination recommended by the Govt. of India should be followed by districts with continued focus on:

- Adequate and proactive testing as per guidelines and targets set if any.
- Monitoring new and emerging clusters of new Covid-19 cases.
- Monitoring of Influenza-like illness (ILI) and SARI cases in all health facilities on a regular basis for detecting early warning signals of the spread of infection.
- Genomic sequencing for prescribed samples of international passengers, collection of samples from sentinel sites (identified health facilities), and local clusters of cases as per prescribed protocol.
- Proactive promotion to increase administration of precaution dose vaccination for all eligible beneficiaries.
- Covid Appropriate Behavior (CAB) including masking particularly in enclosed spaces and in crowded spaces.

It is essential to maintain a strict watch and take preventive action in areas of concern to control emerging spread of Covid-19 infection in the districts.



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2. Chief Executive Officers – ZP of all districts.
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4. District Surgeons of all districts.
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6. Chief Health Officer, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

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