Direktorate of Health Services
Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal

No./IDSP/2020/ 7-9 Y
To,

1. HoD, CFM Department,
   AIIMS, Bhopal, MP.
2. HoD, PSM Department,
   Govt. Medical College, Indore/Bhopal, MP.
3. Chief Medical and Health Officer, Indore and Bhopal, MP.

Sub: - Regarding supporting National Sero-survey for COVID-19 being conducted by ICMR
Ref: - ICMR, New Delhi DO No. ECD/COVID-19/Misc./2020 dated 18/05/2020

In reference to the context it is stated that National Sero-survey for COVID-19 field activities have been completed from 69 chosen districts of the country. As a second part of the survey ICMR will initiate surveys in large cities reporting maximum numbers of cases for assessing the extent disease in containment zones in urban areas.

ICMR has apprised that:
- District support for the said survey shall be needed in terms of travel, local movement of identified survey staff (ICMR staff, supervision and monitoring staff, PPE (gloves and surgical masks for staff, lancets/cotton swabs etc., BMW management facility audit and local assistance by Health staff).
- Sample size per city is 500 and shall be completed in 1 day using 5 teams in each city (with strategy of 5 containment zones x 4 random starting points x 25 households x 1 adult from each house)
- For testing with ELISA, training and data management and analytical support shall be provided by ICMR.
- Cities included in MP are Indore and Bhopal.
- ICMR MoHFW has requested to engage all ICMR institutes, Community Medicine department of Medical Colleges, Public Health institutes and WHO SMOs/TB/NTD consultants for assistance at city level for monitoring the survey.

You are requested to provide all necessary assistance in this regard.

(Handwritten Signature)
Joint Director, IDSP
Directorate of Health Services
Madhya Pradesh

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Copy for kind information & necessary action: -
1. Prof. Dr. Balram Bhargava, Secretary to GoI, Department of Health Research, MoHFW, Director - General, ICMR, New Delhi-110029
2. Addl. Chief Secretary, DoPHFW, Mantralay, Vallabh Bhawan, Bhopal, MP.
3. Principal Secretary, DoPHFW, Mantralay, Vallabh Bhawan, Bhopal, MP.
4. Principal Secretary, DoME, Mantralay, Vallabh Bhawan, Bhopal, MP.
5. Health Commissioner & OSD, Satpura Bhawan, Bhopal, MP.
7. Director, AIIMS, Bhopal, MP.
8. Director, Medical Education, Bhopal, MP.
9. Collector, Indore and Bhopal, MP.
10. Municipal Commissioner, Indore and Bhopal, MP.

(Handwritten Signature)
Joint Director, IDSP
Directorate of Health Services
Madhya Pradesh
Dear Colleagues,

This is in continuation to my earlier letter national sero-survey for COVID-19, (letter no D.O.No.ECD/COVID-19 /Misc./2020). With all your support and guidance most out of 69 districts have either completed field activities or will be completing field activities for blood sample collection from randomly selected population as per protocol finalized by national expert group.

I personally request your kind attention and further guidance to respective City Commissioners to lead this important time bound survey. We expect support for survey for travel, local movement for identified survey staff (ICMR staff, supervision and monitoring staff), police protection (as and when needed), PPE (gloves and surgical masks for staff), lancet and cotton swabs etc. and biomedical waste management facility, local assistance by health staff. Sample size per City is 500, and can be completed within one day using 5 teams in each city (with strategy of 5 containment zones X 4 random starting points X 25 households from each point X 2 adults from each house).

For testing with ELISA, training and data management and analytical, support will be provided by ICMR. List of Cities and detailed protocol is annexed. To facilitate quality implementation of survey kindly consider to engage all ICMR institutes, Community Medicine department of all Medical colleges, Public Health Institutes (IIPH, IPH, IHRM, SCTIMST etc) and WHO-SMOs / TB / NTD Consultants for assistance at City level for monitoring the survey.

I request you to personally review the progress in this important task with Health Department and Municipal Commissioners so that further decision making can be based on local scientific evidences.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Balram Bhargava)
To,

Chief Secretaries, for States of States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal

Cc for necessary action:

1. Principal Secretary - Health, States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal
2. MD, NHM for States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan
4. Dr Henk Bekedam, WHO Representative to India
5. Director of ICMR Institutes,
   National Institute of Immunology &Hematology, Mumbai,
   National Institutes of Virology, Pune
   National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad
   National Institute of Cancer Prevention & Research, NICPR
   National Institute for Research in Tribal Health, Jabalpur
   National Institute for Research in Environmental Health, Bhopal
   National Institute for Implementation Research on Non-Communicable Diseases, Jodhpur
   National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
   National Jalma Institute of Leprosy and Other Mycobacterial Diseases, Agra
   National Institute of Research in Tuberculosis, Chennai
   National Institute of Communicable and enteric Diseases, Kolkata
6. Dr Sanjay Zodpey, President, IAPSM

Cc for information to:

1. Ms Preeti Sudan, Secretary, MoHFW, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi
2. Shri Rajesh Bhushan, OSD (Health), Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi
3. Shri Sudhanshu Pant, OSD, (Health), Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi
4. Ms Vandana Gurnani, AS & MD (NHM), Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi
5. Shri Lav Agrawal, Joint Secretary, MoHFW, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi
6. Shri Vikas Sheel, Joint Secretary, (TB, Policy), MoHFW, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi