

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Subject: **Increasing the Covid 19 daily testing targets from 60,000 per day to 80,000 per day** : Regarding.

Reference: Proceedings of 135th meeting of State Covid 19
Technical Advisory Committee, Dated: 26th Nov
2021.

In view of clusters of Covid 19 cases reported in few districts of the State, it is critical to augment and strengthen COVID -19 surveillance. Therefore, the daily testing numbers shall be increased from 60,000 to **80,000** which includes:

(a) continuing the targeted testing of cases of ILI, SARI, contacts of positive cases and high-risk groups and,

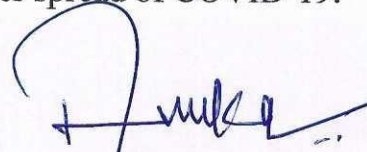
(b) fortnightly random testing of selected groups shown below.

1. Students and teachers in colleges and high schools
2. Staff of hotels and restaurant
3. Shop keepers of malls
4. Shop keepers in markets
5. Catering staff and door delivery personnel
6. Factory personnel
7. Office goers
8. Service staff in pubs and bars
9. Attendants in cinema halls and multiplexes
10. Others who are in crowds by vocation

Further, as per the revised target, **a daily increase of 5000 tests in BBMP area and 15,000 in the remaining districts**, as shown in the Annexure attached, is mandated. Of the total daily target, up to 50% of the samples should be from the district headquarters and the rest from the rural areas ensuring that 10% of the samples are taken from children. At least 5% of children in the schools should be tested every week to assess the safety of children in the schools.

It should be ensured that all symptomatic cases shall be first tested by RAT and if found negative should undergo RT- PCR test as per ICMR protocol. The asymptomatic cases shall not be subjected to RAT. The proportion of RAT could be up to 30% of the total testing. Considering the current Test Positivity Rate in the State, which is about 0.3%, the samples may be pooled @1:5 in the testing laboratories.

The District Administrations should ensure that the daily targets are achieved to identify fresh cases, if any, and curb the further spread of COVID-19.



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To:

1. The Special Commissioner (Health) - BBMP, Bengaluru
2. The Deputy Commissioners of all districts
3. CEO, ZP of all districts
4. The District Health and Family Welfare officers of all districts
5. The District Surveillance Officers of all districts
6. The Commissioner, Health & F W Services, Bengaluru
7. The Director, Health & F W Services, Bengaluru.

Copy for kind information to:

1. Chief Secretary, GoK
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister
3. The Chief Commissioner – BBMP, Bengaluru
4. PS to Hon'ble Minister for HFW and Medical Education.

Annexure
Karnataka State: Revised testing guidelines/ norms.

Sl. Nos	District	Current testing numbers.	Revised testing numbers
1	Bagalkote	500	500
2	Ballari	1000	1000
3	Belagavi	2000	4000
4	Bengaluru Rural	500	500
5	Bengaluru Urban	25000	30000
6	Bidar	500	500
7	Chamarajanagara	500	500
8	Chikkaballapura	500	500
9	Chikkamagaluru	1000	1000
10	Chitradurga	500	500
11	DK	8000	10000
12	Davangere	500	500
13	Dharwad	500	5000
14	Gadag	500	500
15	Hassan	2000	4000
16	Haveri	500	500
17	Kalaburagi	500	2000
18	Kodagu	1000	1000
19	Kolar	1000	1000
20	Koppala	500	500
21	Mandya	1000	1000
22	Mysuru	3000	5000
23	Raichur	500	500
24	Ramanagara	500	500
25	Shivamogga	1000	1000
26	Tumakuru	2000	2000
27	Udupi	3000	4000
28	Uttara Kannada	1000	1000
29	Vijayapura	500	500
30	Yadgir	500	500
TOTAL		60,000	80,000

