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PERSONAL ATTENTION

No.01943/DSE/EE/AC/NCVD/2020
GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

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Puducherry, dt. 13-03-2020

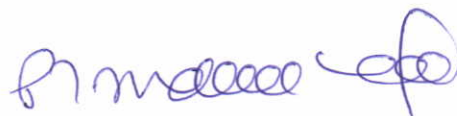
CIRCULAR

Sub: DSE - EE - Prevention of Novel Corona Virus Disease – Awareness among Students – Directions / Information Pamphlets / Hand Washing Techniques – Communicated – Reg.

Ref: 1. Circular No. No.01943/DSE/EE/AC/2020 dt.21.02.2020, issued by the Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.
2. Containment Plan for COVID-19 shared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India dt.05.03.2020.

In continuation of the Circular first cited and in accordance with the Containment Plan for COVID-19 shared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, the following directions are issued as advisory to be immediately followed, practiced and implemented in all schools both Govt. and Private of all the Four Regions of the U.T. of Puducherry.

- i. All Heads of Institutions in all Four regions of U.T. of Puducherry are hereby directed not to conduct regular Morning Assembly in schools.
- ii. The first period of every Forenoon session on all working days shall be utilised for disseminating vital information to the school students with regard to Corona virus and related precautionary measures to be taken by students at school and in their homes. The Do's and Dont's may be explained. The children also may be encouraged to explain to their classmates (on a rotation basis).
- iii. All Heads of Institutions are directed to avoid gathering of students and school functions such as Annual Day, Sports Day, Cultural Festivals etc., Various types of competitions, if any, **SHOULD NOT BE CONDUCTED** until further orders.
- iv. All instructions, pamphlets, literature, pictorial presentations pertaining to Corona Virus and its prevention sent to all schools vide Circular of the Director of School Education dt.21.02.2020 should be invariably displayed in the Notice Board of the school.



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- v. Hand washing techniques Chart made available to schools should be properly displayed and the Hand washing should be demonstrated to students so that they wash hands properly with soap in school and at home & towards implementation of the same, enough soap bars should be purchased by schools as per need and made available to the students for usage in schools. The Heads of Institutions of Govt. schools shall make use of the General Fund or relevant grant for purchasing the soaps. The students may be advised to wash their hands during water bell before drinking water.
- vi. If any child or student / teacher is suffering from throat infection, cough, cold with sneezing they should be advised to refer themselves to the nearby Hospitals / Public Health Centres for Treatment as may be required.
- vii. Children / students with the above symptoms should be advised immediately to take rest at home and sufficient amount of leave should be granted, without any hesitation.
- viii. A general advise should be given to all students from LKG to XII to distance themselves from the individuals with cough and cold (more than three feet away), wash hands frequently with soap (not less than twenty seconds) and not to touch any part of their face as much as possible, so as to be precautious in school and at home.
- ix. Students may be advised not to panic seeing unverified messages especially through social media.
- x. Additional pamphlets as received from the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry pertaining to the above along with Do's and Dont's are enclosed for receipt and immediate usage.

As such all Heads of Institutions are directed to strictly adhere to all the above directions so as to create awareness on COVID-19 as well as initiate all precautionary and preventive measures to prevent the infection and spread of the viral disease.

Encl : As stated above in x.



(P. T. RUDRA GOUD)

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

To

1. The Joint Director of School Education, Puducherry.
2. The Chief Educational Officer, Puducherry / Karaikal / Mahe
3. The Deputy Director of Education (Women), Puducherry.
4. The Deputy Director (Secondary Education), Karaikal.
5. The Delegate to DSE, Yanam.
6. The Deputy Inspector of Schools, Zone.I / II / III / IV / V,
Puducherry / Karaikal.

With an instruction to communicate the Circular along with the Pamphlet to all the schools under their control.



GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES (IEC)

NOVEL CORONA VIRUS (COVID - 19) GENERAL ADVISORY FOR PUBLIC

The Novel Corona Virus is a Contagious Virus that Causes respiratory infection, can transfer from human to human.

SYMPTOMS :

- * Fever
- * Difficulty in Breathing
- * Cough
- * Tightness of Chest
- * Running Nose
- * Head Ache
- * Feeling of being Unwell
- * Pneumonia

INCUBATION PERIOD : 14 days.

MODE OF TRANSMISSION:

Corona Virus (COVID - 19) most commonly spreads from an infected person to other through:

- * The air by Coughing and Sneezing.
- * Close Personal contact, such as touching or Shaking hand.
- * Touching an object or surface with the Virus on it then touching your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands.

HOW TO REDUCE RISK OF CORONO VIRUS INFECTION (COVID-19) :

- * Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol based hand rub.
- * Cover nose and mouth when Coughing & Sneezing with tissue paper or flexed elbow.
- * Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu like symptoms.
- * Isolation of Symptomatic patients for atleast 14 days.

DO's:

- * Cover your nose and mouth with disposable tissue paper or handkerchief while Coughing or Sneezing.
- * Frequently wash your hands with soap and water
- * Avoid Crowded places.
- * Person Suffering from influenza like illness must limit contact with others and rest in a separate room (14 days).
- * Stay more than one arm's length distance from person sick with flu.
- * Take adequate rest and sleep.
- * Drink plenty of water / liquids and eat nutritious food.
- * Person suspected with influenza like illness must consult doctor immediately.
- * Person having, fever, cough and running nose must wear face mask.

DON'Ts:

- * Touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- * Hugging, Kissing and Shaking Hands while greeting.
- * Spitting in Public Places.
- * Taking Medicines without Consulting Doctor.
- * Disposal of used napkin or tissue paper in open areas.
- * Touching surfaces usually used by Public (Railing, door gates, etc.,)
- * Unnecessary testing for illness.

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PUDUCHERRY - 104 (Helpline)

For any information or help - call ph: 0413-2336050/0413-2333644