

**Government Of West Bengal
Directorate Of Health Services
State Family Welfare Bureau
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To

- The Chief Medical Officer of Health
All districts, (Expt. Howrah , North 24 PGS)
- The Medical Superintendent-cum-Vice Principal
Rampurhat GMCH/ BC Roy PGIPS

You are aware that the Covid 19 pandemic requires that special efforts be made to continue essential routine RMNCH+A services. It is important to ensure the availability of services during this period as any denial of services can have an impact on childhood morbidities and mortality .Therefore in addition to the recent priority of Covid 19 for the health facilities and health workers ,it is also vital that essential health services for vulnerable population like malnourished children be continued during the pandemic . In view of this the following is to be followed for the Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres in accordance with the zonal categorization of Containment Zones & Buffer Zones and beyond these zones . This is in reference to the Guidance Notes issued for RMNCH+A services during and post Covid pandemic as in the Memo no H/SFWB/23M-10-2020/372(49) dated 29/05/2020.

1. The Nutritionist and MSW will telephonically contact the line listed SAM children and counsel for their admission in the NRC .
2. Decision regarding starting the Outreach Screening of SAM children is to be taken by the districts keeping in view the categorization of the district /area and following the standard operating procedure for Covid prevention maintaining physical distancing ,respiratory hygiene and hand hygiene .

3. Prior to the admission process

- a) it must be ensured that at least 1 meter distance should be maintained between two beds within NRC
- b) Infection prevention and control supplies are adequate—Soap must be available Provision should also be made for hand sanitiser with 70% alcohol. Bleaching powder for preparing 0.5% Hypochlorite solution .
- c) IEC on prevention of COVID 19 should be displayed .
- d) Ration supplies and groceries to run the NRC.

4. During the functioning of the NRC in the prevailing pandemic situation :-

- a) Entry to the NRC should be restricted. Persons with cold and cough should not be allowed. Only one caregiver should be allowed with each patient admitted. Everyone who enters the NRC should practice hand washing for at least 40 seconds with soap.
- b) All staffs should wash hands (minimum 40 seconds with soap) between two cases as well as at regular intervals. All mothers /caregivers should practice preventive measures like hand washing at regular intervals and maintain respiratory hygiene. All mothers /caregivers should be repeatedly counseled for Physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene (Cover their mouth/nose when coughing or sneezing,)
- c) All staffs of the NRC should wear mask. Caregivers should also wear home made mask .(guideline for Home made mask preparation attached)



- d) Disinfection practices of multiple-use equipment – such as weight and height measurement, MUAC tapes, cooking and feeding utensils, bed sheets, toys, windows, knobs and handles of the doors etc. with prescribed disinfectant (0.5% hypochlorite solution) should be strictly adhered.
 - e) Play therapy and cooking demonstration may be conducted in specific weekly slots .
 - f) Group counseling to provide specific key messages related to COVID 19 , demonstrate correct handwashing technique and nutrition topics can be done maintaining physical distancing .
5. Admission criteria, management and discharge protocol and provision of food coupons will be as per the previous existing guidelines .
6. If any SAM children or the accompanying mother / caregiver who are probable / confirmed COVID-19 infection are in the NRC they should be immediately shifted to State-designated COVID hospital in the district. District should share the list of earmarked Covid hospitals with the NRCs so that the NRC can identify the nearest Covid designated hospital .Complete safety and PPE policies and precautions must be followed during transport. The Facility incharge should facilitate the transport .Post transportation proper sanitation measures should be undertaken in case of such incidence if it occurs .


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