

Paediatric COVID preparedness checklist for District Medical Officer





District Assessment

Facility readiness in district in terms of availability of Paediatric beds (ward, HDU and ICU), equipment, drugs, oxygen, consumables and other supplies, referral transport, telemedicine as per operational guidelines issued.



Human Resource

- >>> Carry out gap analysis and address the shortage of human resource by deputation of staff within the district wherever required.
- Ensure availability of Specialists (Paediatrician)/Medical Officers/Nurses in the healthcare facility.



Training

- Ensure training and capacity building of physicians, paramedical and other healthcare staff.
- Promote online short courses and training on Paediatric COVID Care.



Drugs and Vaccine

- Assessment of Paediatric drugs, consumables, PPE and ensure supply chain management to meet the forecasted surge.
- Monitor stockouts with alternate plans for quick gap fillings.
- Ensure priority vaccination of caregivers/family members of the Paediatric age group.



Ensure real-time data flow from the community and institutional based Paediatric COVID Care for rapid response in COVID portal.



Ensure promotion of IEC/BCC activities on Paediatric COVID Care from community to facility level.



District Control Room

- >> Ensure control rooms are functional round the clock, data from the community and facility are received, and real-time analysis is done.
- >> The data is shared with State and National level functionaries for guidance.



Monitoring and Coordination

- Coordinate with state level functionaries and different stakeholders for urgent action.
- Monitor 104/1031 for any COVID grievances. Ensure real-time response for emergency calls.
- Analyse the grievances for any health system gaps and ensure its response/gap.