

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM&FW Department – COVID-19 –Conducting Rapid Antigen Tests at NABL& ICMR Approved Private Labs–Fixation of Rate for conducting COVID–19 Test in Private NABL & ICMR approved Labs – Permission Accorded- Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (B2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 336

Dated: 27-07-2020.

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.296, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Dt.12.06.2020.
2. ICMR Advisory for Rapid Antigen Test, Dated: 14.06.2020
3. DO No. ECD/COVID-19/Misc./2020 Dated 16.07.2020
4. From the CEO, Lr.No.Dr YSRAHCT/COVID/Rapid Antigen /1365/2020, Dt: 19.07.2020.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st cited Government have issued orders for fixation of rates for COVID-19 testing for both Government samples and also for Private samples, in the ICMR approved Private NABL Labs.

2. In the reference 2nd & 3rd cited, ICMR has authorized the testing of Rapid Antigen Test kits for identifying the COVID-19 in addition to the various existing methods and liberalized the testing and generated five common login credentials for each District of State/ UT, which may be shared with all Government and private facilities selected for antigen testing and should nominate a nodal person from the State, who could contact the ICMR team for obtaining login credentials.

3. As per the ICMR guidelines and keeping in view of the recommendations of the CEO, YSRAHCT Mangalagiri, in the letter 4th read above, to ensure that, public have better access to COVID testing and affordability, Govt. have decided to issue login credentials to as many Hospitals as possible, specially PHCs, CHCs, AHs, DHs and NABH hospitals and NABL Labs of Private sector and to fix the costing for the rapid antigen tests done at the approved Private Hospitals and Labs.

4. Accordingly, Government hereby order to fix the rates for Rapid Antigen testing for Private samples, in the ICMR approved Private NABH/NABL Labs, which shall not more than @ Rs. 750/- per test (includes rapid kit cost, PPE's, manpower cost) for the patients who approach them for getting tested. And once result is known, for the 'Symptomatic' Negative cases, the sample should be collected (using VTM) and be sent to the respective tied-up VRDL Labs for retesting by RT-PCR Machine. The patients shall not be charged more than @ Rs.2,800/- per sample as per the orders issued in the G.O. 1st read above. Further, all the institutions which intend to do rapid antigen tests shall necessarily have tie up with ICMR approved VRDL.

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5. All the interested Private NABH Hospital and NABL Labs must apply to State Nodal Officer for testing (ceoap@ysraarogyasri.ap.gov.in and ap_c405@ysraarogyasri.ap.gov.in) permission and ICMR login credentials. The results should be accurately entered in the State Logins and also in ICMR logins issued by CEO, Aarogyasri Health Care Trust. The approved Hospitals and Labs shall display the rates board in the visible manner to the public.

6. All the DM&HOs in the State are directed to strictly monitor the Rapid testing process in the Private Hospitals and the Labs and ensure that, no extra charges are levied on the patients. The CEO, Dr, YSRHCT & State Nodal Officer for Labs COVID-19, shall co-ordinate the entire process of permissions, issue of login credentials and to review the price, whenever required.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**Dr. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
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To
The CEO, Dr YSRHCT& State Nodal Officer for Labs COVID – 19.
All the DM & Hos in the State.

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The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada.
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P.S. to Spl. Chief Secretary to HM&FW Department.
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