



Government of West Bengal
Directorate of Health Services (Admin Branch)
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Dated- Kolkata, the 29th March, 2020

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Considering the need to prevent panic mongering and misinformation related to COVID19, all medical professionals in the State (across the Government and private sector) are hereby advised that the diagnosis of a patient may be recorded as related to Covid-19 **ONLY IF** the case has been confirmed to be of Covid-19 through testing conducted as per the laid-down procedures and protocol by a laboratory approved/ authorized by the Indian Council of Medical Research.

The same principle would be applicable while recording the Cause of Death.

This advisory is issued in the public interest in order to prevent panic and rumour mongering related to COVID19.

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**Director of Medical Education
Government of West Bengal**

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**Director of Health Services
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1. The Secretary (D&E), Dept. of Health & FW, Govt. of West Bengal.
2. The Addl. Secretary (PHP), Dept. of Health & FW, Govt. of West Bengal.
3. The Special Secretary (ME), Dept. of Health & FW, Govt. of West Bengal.
4. The Jt. Secretary (PHP), Dept. of Health & FW, Govt. of West Bengal.
5. The Dy. Director of Health Services (Admn), Govt. of West Bengal.
6. The Dy. Director (ME), Dept. of Health & FW, Govt. of West Bengal.
7. The MSVP, all Medical College Hospitals/STM/Dr. BC Roy PGIPS/ ID&BGH/ CSS, Kolkata.
8. The CMOH, all Districts and Health Districts.
9. The CMHO, Kolkata Municipal Corporation.
10. The Director, State Bureau of Health Intelligence, Govt. of West Bengal.
11. The Jt. DHS (PH & CD) and SSO, IDSP, Govt. of West Bengal.
12. The Registrar, West Bengal Medical Council.
13. The Secretary, Indian Medical Association, Bengal Branch.

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**Director of Health Services
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