

**Government of West Bengal
Department of Health & Family Welfare
Health Services Branch
Swasthya Bhawan, GN-29, Sector-V
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Frontline Medical Personnel to Stay in their Work Headquarters

There are reports that some frontline medical workers, especially from among those posted in Government hospitals in districts in the vicinity of Kolkata, are commuting to and from their residences on a daily basis.

This is not desirable since it puts a daily physical and mental strain on the medical personnel besides also putting them at risk of being exposed to infection of the virus.

Such daily commuting is all the more unnecessary in the wake of the Order dated 16/04/20 specifying that frontline medical workers will be given week-long duties in Government hospitals and taken off-duty for seven days to enable them to rest and recuperate. CMOHs/ Heads of medical institutions have been advised to prepare duty rosters based on this seven-day shift system.

The administration has already made arrangements for providing suitable boarding and lodging facilities to frontline medical personnel in the vicinity of their work places, to preclude the need for any daily commuting.

In view of the above, it is hereby ordered that **frontline medical personnel in Government Hospitals shall stay in their headquarters and not commute daily from and to their residences**. Any departure from this principle, for any unavoidable reason, will require the prior permission from the CMOH/ Head of the medical institution concerned.

The District authorities/ CMOHs/ Heads of medical institutions and all others concerned shall take immediate necessary action in the matter.



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