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To,

Chief Medical Officer
All Districts, Uttarakhand.

Subject: Update-Sample testing strategy Version 10.

Sir/Madam,

As we are aware that Covid-19 transmission is continuously going on. For adequate containment of COVID-19, regular strengthening of diagnostic capacity in the state is essential. Below is the updated COVID-19 sample testing strategy in the state Version 10:

S.N.	Name of Districts	Target for TrueNat Testing	Associated Laboratories For RTPCR	No. of samples
1	Haridwar	40	Doon Medical College	600
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs*	Over & above samples
2	Udham Singh Nagar	90	NCDC Delhi	400
			MRU Lab, Govt. Medical College Haldwani	500
			JLN District Hospital Udham Singh Nagar	100
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs	Over & above samples
3	Tehri Garhwal	110	IIP Dehradun	150
			Doon Medical College	400
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs	Over & above samples
4	Pauri Garhwal	100	Doon Medical College	400
			Srinagar Medical College	500
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs	Over & above samples
5	Dehradun	60	Doon Medical College	800
			AIIMS Rishikesh	400
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs	Over & above samples
6	Chamoli	100	Srinagar Medical College	500
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs	Over & above samples
7	Rudraprayag	30	Srinagar Medical College	500
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs	Over & above samples
8	Uttarkashi	40	AIIMS Rishikesh	400
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs	Over & above samples
9	Nainital	60	Govt. Medical College Haldwani	500
			IVRI Mukteshwar	200
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs	Over & above samples
10	Almora	40	Govt. Medical College Haldwani	400
			IVRI Mukteshwar	200
			Govt. Medical College Almora	100
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs	Over & above samples

11	Champawat	40	Govt. Medical College Haldwani	400
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs	Over & above samples
12	Bageshwar	30	Govt. Medical College Haldwani	300
			IVRI Mukteshwar	100
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs	Over & above samples
13	Pithoragarh	40	Govt. Medical College Haldwani	400
			Empanelled Pvt. Labs	Over & above samples

*The samples to Empanelled Private Labs shall be sent once the capacity of Government testing labs allocated to districts, mentioned in table above is completely covered.

The TrueNat Machines available in the districts shall be utilized on priority basis. The target provided for TrueNat testing is based on number of installed and functional TrueNat machine in the district.

The targets for sample testing shall be as below:

1. RTPCR test shall be atleast 100 samples per lac population.
2. Ensure availability of at least one TrueNat machine per block in the district.
3. District Dehradun, Haridwar, Nainital, US Nagar & Nainital shall ensure atleast 500 antigen sampling per day & remaining 09 hill districts shall conduct atleast 300 antigen sampling per day.
4. Testing of all symptomatic antigen negative persons by RTPCR testing is mandatory.
5. Testing of all high risk contacts is mandatory.
6. Testing of all health personnel, police and all other similarly deployed officials is mandatory.
7. All vulnerable population like slum dwellers, congregate settings, hoteliers, shop keepers and other specific population shall be tested in systematic time bound manner with a comprehensive planning.

As we are aware that as routine process of infection control the Covid 19 testing laboratories undergoes fumigation process for one day. The schedule of fumigation day of Covid 19 labs operational in state is given in table below. The samples of concerned lab may be given to allocated private lab for the particular day for maintaining consistent sample testing.

S.No.	Laboratory	Day of fumigation
1	Govt. Medical College Haldwani	Sunday
2	Doon Medical College Dehradun	Thursday
3	Srinagar Medical College	Monday
4	IVRI Mukteshwar	Monday
5	IIP Dehradun	Sunday
6	JLN District Hospital Udham Singh Nagar	Saturday

You all are requested to take necessary actions accordingly.

Thanking You

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12/11/20

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