



No: NVBDCP/COVID-19/EST7K/2020-21

Department of Health and Family
Welfare, Arogya Soudha
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Circular

Subject: Further guidelines regarding admission, discharge and transfer of Covid-19 patients during the ongoing 2nd wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

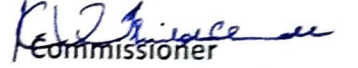
Reference: Circular No. NVBDCP/EST7B/COVID19/ 2020-21 Efficient utilization of hospital beds for COVID-19 patients dated 17.10.2020

In view of the surge in COVID-19 cases in the State, for the management of the COVID-19 pandemic, hospital beds are a valuable resource and hence, shall be used judiciously for those patients who are clinically in need of these beds. In this context, the guidelines are reiterated for hospital admission, discharge, and transfer of COVID-19 patients as follows.

1. Government COVID-19 hospitals – the patient shall be admitted as per the existing state protocol. However, following their recovery and clinically stable condition, based on the assessment and advise of treating physician such patients shall be transferred to a stepdown facility attached to the hospital or to a CCC as deemed fit. Whenever, a patient is discharged, discharge protocol of the state shall be followed.
2. Private COVID-19 hospitals –
 - a. Those admitted under SAST (Govt. referred patients) - The patient shall be admitted as per the existing state protocol. However, following their recovery and clinically stable condition, based on the assessment and advise of treating physician such patients shall be transferred to a stepdown facility attached to the private hospital at their own cost or to a Govt CCC as deemed fit. Whenever, a patient is discharged from the hospital, discharge protocol of the state shall be followed.
 - b. Those admitted in private beds at their own expense (private patients) - The patient shall be admitted as per the existing state protocol. However, following their recovery

and clinically stable condition, based on the assessment and advise of treating physician such patients shall be transferred to stepdown facility attached to the hospital at their cost. Whenever, a patient is discharged from the hospital, discharge protocol of the state shall be followed.

It is hereby instructed to all the Government and Private Health Care Institutions to follow the above guidelines in letter and spirit immediately.


Commissioner

**Health & Family Welfare Services
Government of Karnataka**

To,

1. All Deputy Commissioners.
2. Special commissioner BBMP.
3. All CEOs of Zilla Panchayats.
4. All District Health Officers.
5. All District Surgeons.
6. All District Surveillance Officers.
7. President IMA/PHANA/IAP Karnataka.

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