

Record Note of meeting chaired by Hon'ble health Minister Assam on prevention and management of COVID Variant (Omicron) dated 04-12-21

A meeting was convened to discuss the worldwide developments related to the new variant of COVID (Omicron) and the steps to be taken in the state for screening, early detection, prevention of spread and treatment of such cases, under the chairmanship of Sri Keshab Mahanta, Hon Health Minister Assam at Conference Hall of IT Directorate, Assam Secretariat on 04-12-21 at 3.00 PM in presence of following members:

1. Sri Anurag Goel IAS, Principal Secretary, Health & family Welfare Department
2. Sri M K Yadava IFS, Managing Director, AMTRON
3. Dr Sidharth Singh IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Dept.
4. Dr Lakshmanan S IAS, Mission Director, National Health Mission
5. Dr Robin Kumar IPS, Managing Director, AMSCCL
6. Dr Rathindra Bhuyan, Director Health Services
7. Dr A K Barman, Director Medical Education, Assam
8. Sri Munindranath Ngatey, Director Health Services (Family Welfare)
9. Dr Achut Baishya, Principal Gauhati Medical College & Hospital
10. Dr Manoj Choudhury, Addl DME & Executive Director, NHM
11. Sri Kamaljit Talukdar ACS, Commissioner (i/c) State Drugs & Food Safety & Dy CEO, AAA Society
12. Sri Pradeep Timung ACS, Addl DHS, Assam
13. Sri Dhrubajyoti Bora Addl DME, Assam
14. Smti Pomi Baruah, Dy Secretary Health & Family Welfare Dept & OSD, NHM
15. Dr Subhajit Bhattacharjee, Consultant WHO, Assam
16. Dr Sabita Das, State Surveillance Officer, IDSP

MD NHM made a presentation on the emergence of a variant of concern B1.1.529 (Omicron) in India and the latest instructions from Government of India (PPT at Annexure I). After detailed discussion, the following decisions were taken:

1. Health & Family Welfare Department will issue a consolidated notification for the Standard Operating Protocol to be followed up for screening International Travellers coming to Assam directly or indirectly and the tracing of their contacts, as discussed and approved in the meeting.
2. Considering the possibility of sudden increase in cases, immediate steps to assess and improve existing Infrastructure, HR, Medicines, Oxygen Supply, testing and

screening facilities etc will be taken up with strict time lines under concerned Nodal Officers as follows:

SI No	Activity	Responsible Officer	Time Line
1	Screening of all International travellers arriving in Assam on relevant days, communicating with all District Surveillance Officers, follow up of positive cases and their contact tracing, coordination with INSACOG approved labs for Whole genomic Sequencing and daily reporting.	SSO IDSP	Ongoing
2	Infrastructure Development of District Hospital ICUs under ACCP through PWD	DHS Assam	31-12-21
3	Infrastructure Development of District Hospital ICUs and other hospitals under ECRP-II on priority basis	MD NHM, Chief Consultant (Civil) & Consultant CH	February 2022
4	Ensuring Availability of all COVID Medicines, PPE Kits, masks etc	MD AMSC	20-12-21
5	Preparation of treatment protocols, Refresher Training for all Doctors/ nurses etc	DME Assam	31-12-21
6	Apex Institution for COVID management and ICU management and Centre of Excellence for Paediatrics	Principal GMCH	31-12-21
7	Establishing Testing Labs in All District Hospitals	ED NHM	31-01-22
8	Completion of Vaccination Campaign	DHS FW	31-01-22
9	IEC Related to new Variant and COVID appropriate behaviour	OSD NHM	Ongoing
10	Daily Information Collection and sharing in Usable format	Consultant WHO	Ongoing
11	Ensuring Oxygen Stock, supply chain and trained Man Power	Addl DME (SNO Oxygen)	31-12-21
12	Coordination with Private Hospitals for COVID Management	Dy CEO, AAA Society	As and when needed

The above activities shall be supervised by Commissioner & Secretary, H&FW.

3. Considering the importance of strict screening at Guwahati International Airport, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department may take up with Government of India for appointing APHO at LGBI Airport urgently.
4. As the samples for WGS have to be sent to NIV Pune or NIBG Kalyani, a request to ICMR to set up WGS facility at RMRC Lahowal shall be sent by Principal Secretary, H&FW.

5. Commissioner & Secretary PWD (Building) and Chief Engineer PWD (B) dedicated for Health & Family Welfare Department shall be responsible for completion of PICU/ICU works in Medical Colleges & District Hospitals at the earliest.
6. Review meeting on control and prevention of COVID Variant shall be taken up in accordance with the national and international developments and fresh guidelines.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.


(Sri Keshab Mahanta)

Health Minister, Assam

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Dated Dispur the 5th December, 2021

Copy to:

1. The Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur.
2. The DGP, Assam.
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Home & Political/Social Welfare Department.
4. The Addl. DGP (Law and Order).
5. The Addl. DGP(S).
6. The Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
7. The Managing Director, AMTRON.
8. The Managing Director, AMSCL
9. The Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.
10. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
11. The Director of Health Services (FW), Assam, Hengerabari, Guwahati-36.
12. The Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-22.
13. The Director Information & Public Relation, Dispur, Guwahati for information and necessary action.
14. The Chief Executive Officer Assam State Disaster Management Authority.
15. The Executive Director, NHM, Assam.
16. In-Charge Commissioner of Food Safety & Drug Administration, Bamunimaidam, Guwahati.
17. The Addl. Director of Health Services, Hengerabari, Guwahati-36.
18. The Addl. Director of Medical Education, Khanapara, Guwahati-22.
19. The OSD, National Health Mission, Assam.
20. The Consultant World Health Organization.
21. State Surveillance Officer, IDSP.
22. The Director of Health Services, Assam, Hengerabari, Guwahati-36.
23. The Deputy Commissioner/ Sub-Divisional Officer (all districts).
24. The Principal Secretary of All Autonomous Council
25. The Superintendent of Police (all district).
26. The Director, Airport Authority of India, LGBI Airport, Guwahati/ The Commandant, CISF, LGBI Airport, Guwahati.

27. The Commissioner, Gauhati Municipal Corporation/EO, Municipality Boards (all)
28. The Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent all Medical Colleges of Assam.
29. The Superintendent all Medical College & Hospital, Assam.
30. The Joint Director of Health Services (all districts).
31. The Addl. Chief Medical Officer (all districts)
32. The District Surveillance Officer (all district)
33. All Superintendent of District Hospitals.
34. The SO to Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
35. PS to Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Assam, Dispur.
36. All Members for necessary action.

By order etc.



Principal Secretary to the Govt. Of Assam,
Health & Family Welfare Department,
Dispur