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Contact investigation and quarantining for COVID-19 outbreak control

Several incidents where locking down of small areas/villages by the public health staff on their own discretion after reporting of confirmed COVID-19 cases were reported to me recently.

Please note that public health staff should do only home quarantining of contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases. If they feel that further measures like locking down of areas are necessary, it should be taken in consultation with the Epidemiology Unit after careful risk analysis of the situation.

Please take necessary measures to inform contents of this letter to all relevant public health staff in your area.

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