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Strengthening of COVID-19 Surveillance

This is further to the circular number EPID/400/2019n-CoV, dated 14th May 2020 on the same subject. As you are aware the total case load of COVID-19 in the country shows a declining trend over past several weeks. However, this does not assure total control of the outbreak and there is the risk of future outbreaks in the country. Therefore, it is decided to further strengthen the COVID-19 surveillance activities. Accordingly, hospitals are expected to carry out surveillance of patients presenting to the OPDs and wards with COVID-19 like symptoms, irrespective of a contact/travel history, in the following manner:

1. Hospitals mentioned below, including all the Base Hospitals, have been identified as sentinel sites for COVID-19 surveillance.
2. All the sentinel sites should collect samples for PCR testing of all the patients with COVID-19 like symptoms attending to the OPDs and wards and send to respective laboratories for testing.

The designated laboratories for each sentinel site are listed below:

District	Hospital	Allocated Laboratories
Colombo	National Hospital of Sri Lanka	NHSL/MRI/ USJ
	NIID	NIID/ MRI/ USJ
	DMH	MRI
	Castle Street Hospital for Women	MRI
	Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children	MRI
	National Dental Hospital	MRI
	KDU Hospital	KDU
	Dr. Neville F. Hospital	MRI/ USJ
	CSTH (Kalubowila)	CSTH/Apeksha Hospital
	GH Sri Jayewardanepura	MRI/ USJ
	CEBH-Mulleriyawa	CEBH/MRI/ NIID
	BH Homagama	MRI/ USJ
	Other Base Hospitals	MRI

Gampaha	NCTH (Ragama)	NCTH
	Chest Hospital Welisara	NCTH
	DGH Gampaha	MRI/ NCTH
	DGH Negambo	NCTH/ MRI
	Base Hospitals	NCTH/MRI
Kaluthara	TH Kaluthara	USJ/ MRI/Army hospital
	Kethumathi Hospital for Women	USJ/Army hospital
	Base Hospitals	USJ/MRI
Kandy	National Hospital Kandy	NH Kandy
	TH Peradeniya	NH Kandy
	Sirimavo Bandaranayake Hospital for Children	NH kandy
	Dental Hospital	NH Kandy
	Base Hospitals	NH Kandy
Matale	DGH Matale	NH Kandy
	Base Hospitals	NH Kandy
Nuwara Eliya	DGH Nuwara Eliya	DGH Nuwara Eliya
	Base Hospitals	NH Kandy/ DGH Nuwara Eliya
Anuradhapura	TH Anuradhapura	TH Anuradhapura
	Base Hospitals	TH Anuradhapura
Polonnaruwa	DGH Polonnaruwa	TH Anuradhapura
	BH Welikanda	TH Anuradhapura
	Base Hospitals	TH Anuradhapura
Batticaloa	TH Batticaloa	TH Batticaloa
	Base Hospitals	TH Batticaloa
Trincomalee	DGH Trincomalee	TH Batticaloa/TH Anuradhapura
	Base Hospitals	TH Batticaloa/TH Anuradhapura
Ampara	DGH Ampara	TH Batticaloa/MRI
	Base Hospitals	TH Batticaloa/MRI
Kalmunai	DGH Kalmunai	TH Batticaloa
	BH Kathankudy	TH Batticaloa
	Base Hospitals	TH Batticaloa
Jaffna	TH Jaffna	TH Jaffna
	Base Hospitals	TH Jaffna
Vavuniya	DGH Vavuniya	TH Anuradhapura/ TH Jaffna
	Base Hospitals	TH Anuradhapura/TH Jaffna
Mullaitivu	DGH Mullaitivu	TH Jaffna
	Base Hospitals	TH Jaffna
Kilinochchi	DGH Kilinochchi	TH Jaffna
	Base Hospitals	TH Jaffna
Mannar	DGH Mannar	TH Jaffna/TH Anuradhapura
	Base Hospitals	TH Jaffna/TH Anuradhapura

Kurunegala	TH Kurunegala	TH Kurunegala
	TH Kuliyapitiya	TH Kurunegala
	Base Hospitals	NH Kandy/ TH Kurunegala
Puttalam	DGH Chilaw	TH Anuradhapura/ MRI
	BH Marawila	TH Anuradhapura/ MRI
	Other Base Hospitals	TH Anuradhapura
Galle	TH Karapitiya	TH Karapitiya
	TH Mahamodara	TH Karapitiya
	Base Hospitals	TH Karapitiya
Matara	DGH Matara	TH Karapitiya
	Base Hospitals	TH Karapitiya
Hambantota	DGH Hambantota	TH Karapitiya
	Base Hospitals	TH Karapitiya
Rathnapura	TH Rathnapura	TH Rathnapura
	Base Hospitals	TH Rathnapura
Kegalle	DGH Kegalle	DGH Kegalle/TH Rathnapura
	Base Hospitals	DGH Kegalle/TH Rathnapura
Badulla	PGH Badulla	PGH Badulla
	Base Hospitals	TH Rathnapura/ PGH Badulla
Monaragala	DGH Monaragala	TH Karapitiya/ NH Kandy
	Base Hospitals	TH Karapitiya

All the sentinel sites should share the surveillance data with the Epidemiology Unit on a weekly basis. You are expected to complete the return on each Thursday for the previous week from Saturday to Friday and send to the Epidemiology Unit via a convenient method (E mail: covidepid231@gmail.com or Fax number: 011-2696583). [Example: For the testing done during the week from 6th March 2021 Saturday to 12th March 2021 Friday should be completed on 18th March 2021 Thursday and send to the Epidemiology Unit]. A format to send the returns is attached herewith.

Your kind corporation in this regard is highly appreciated.

Thank You


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8. Director (LS)



COVID-19 Surveillance among hospital OPD and inward patients

Weekly return



District:	Week: Saturday to Friday (previous week)
Hospital:	Week ending date:

Place of sampling	Total			Age categories of positive patients				
	No. of samples done	COVID -19 number positive	No. results pending	< 1 year	1 – 4 years	5-19 years	20-59 years	≥60 years
OPD								
Ward								

Name of the ICNO/Completing officer.....

Signature.....

Hospital Director/MS (Rubber stamp)

Signature.....

Date:.....

*Please complete this on each Thursday for the previous week from Saturday to Friday and return to Epidemiology Unit on weekly basis via fax (011-2696583) or Email (covidcovid231@gmail.com).

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