Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Director, PGIMER on 30.07.2020 at 10:00AM in the Board Room adjoining DPGI Office regarding Quarantine policy for Health Care Workers.

The following attended the meeting:-

- 1. Sh. Kumar Gaurav Dhawan, DDA, PGI, Chandigarh.
- 2. Prof. Gurpreet Singh, HOD, General Surgery, PGI, Chandigarh.
- 3. Prof. R.Kochhar, HOD, Gastroenterology, PGI, Chandigarh.
- 4. Prof. Savita Kumari, HOD, Internal Medicine, PGI. Chandigarh.
- 5. Prof. A.Chakrabarti, HOD, Medical Microbiology, PGI, Chandigarh.
- 6. Prof. Vanita Suri, HOD Gynaecology, PGI, Chandigarh.
- 7. Prof. A.K. Aggarwal, Deptt. of Community Medicine, PGI, Chandigarh.
- 8. Prof. Usha Dutta, Deptt. of Gastroenterology, PGI, Chandigarh.
- 9. Prof. PVM Lakshmi, Deptt. of Community Medicine, PGI, Chandigarh.
- 10.Dr. RPS Bhogal, Sr. Administrative Officer (H), PGI, Chandigarh.

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the members and appreciated efforts of ongoing fight with COVID-19. The following decisions were taken:

- 1. Health Care Workers (HCW's) who are symptomatic fever/ cough/ breathlessness/ sore throat should attending screening OPD for COVID testing. They should self isolate (until test result comes).
 - a. If the test is positive they should be isolated in NHE/personal homes for 14 days.
 - b. If test negative with high index of suspicion, repeat test after 72 hours; until then self
 - c. If test is negative and HCW's is asymptomatic report for duty.
 - d. If it is a non COVID illness, take personal medical leave from competent authority depending on illness severity.
- 2. HCW who are exposed to COVID positive patients should be categorized as high / low risk by Dr.Lakshmi.
 - a. Low risk HCW can continue work with normal precautions & self monitor for symptoms and get themselves tested > Day 5 of exposure.
 - b. High risk exposure warrant quarantine with testing on day 5 and day 7.
 - c. All those with the tests result positive will be directed accordingly. All those with negative test can return to work with usual precautions.
 - d. All HCW at all times should wear atleast surgical mask with visor and gloves during patient care.
 - e. All HCW during duty hours should have their meal/ tea only in isolation.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sh. Kumar Gaurav Dhawan Prof. Gurpreet Singh

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DIRECTOR (CHAIRMAN) Dr. RPS Bhogal (Convener)