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**சுகிருது, ஆணி-14, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2053**

From

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To

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All District Collectors.

Sir / Madam,

Sub: Covid-19 - Covid Appropriate Behaviour – Implementation of  
guidelines for prevention of Covid spread in institutions –  
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Number of persons testing positive for Covid-19 is on the rise in various States of India including Tamil Nadu. While the number of daily positive cases hovered around 20's in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April, 2022, now it's around 1400 every day.

Genomic Sequence Analysis have revealed increased presence of BA.5, BA.2.38 and other variants of Covid-19 virus in the State. Experts have opined that these variants can be a reason for increased of positive cases in the State.

Proper wearing of masks, social distancing, hand hygiene and vaccination have been found to be effective in prevention of Covid spread and its variants. However, these simple protocols are not being fully followed in public places and workplaces.

Source of infection of primary cases have been analyzed recently. From the analysis, it is found that about 26 percentage of people have got infection from their visit to the markets / malls / common places. About 18 percentage have got infected in their workplaces, about 16 percentage during travel and about 12 percentage in educational institution / hostel / training centres, etc.

District Collectors have been asked to ensure follow up on Covid Appropriate Behaviour through Health, Revenue, Police and Local bodies. Therefore, it is requested that the following instructions may be issued to the institutions under your control :-

- i) Thermally scan individuals before entry into the office. If any individual displays high fever, they may be sent for testing and isolation.
- ii) Proper wearing of masks (covering nose and mouth may be ensured) before entry into the institution and wearing of mask at all times.
- iii) Hand wash facilities (with soap) may be ensured in the premises.
- iv) Cross – ventilation of rooms may be done to minimize viral load and disease spread.
- v) Suitable instructions to the personnel to take vaccine as per eligibility.

Yours faithfully,

  
Principal Secretary to Government.

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All Heads of Department.