National Health Mission  
SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-171009, Himachal Pradesh  
Dated: Shimla-171009, the  

CIRCULAR  
The State has been performing consistently well in tracking the  
suspects of COVID-19 from various hotspots and further testing their contacts  
diligently. In order to increase the testing and rule out underlying community  
transmission, the following actions needs to be taken:-  

1. All hospitalized patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) as  
category -4 of letter bearing No. 2728 dated 21 March, 2020 in all public  
and private hospitals must be tested for COVID-19 without fail.  
2. The flu clinics which have been established in the various Government  
Medical Colleges / ZH / RH/ DH are directed to collect at least 3-5 samples  
per day from amongst the cases presenting to the particular clinic and are  
having moderate ILI symptoms. Preference for these samples must be  
given to vulnerable persons for COVID-19. These samples will be labelled  
category -6.  
3. For enhancing the community surveillance, the ILI cases (those identified  
through ACF or otherwise) in the community shall be tested for COVID-19.  
Preference for these samples must be given to vulnerable persons for  
COVID-19. These samples will be labelled category -7. One/ Two modified  
vehicles are being provided to the district(s) to undertake this community  
level sample collection and screening. The districts are directed to screen  
and cover one block everyday and ensure that 8-10 samples per vehicle  
are collected in a day. While taking samples it must be ensured that the  
outer glass of the vehicle and the sleeves with gloves must be  
decontaminated with 1% Sodium Hypochlorite solution after every sample  
collection.  
4. Keeping in view, the large number of interstate migrants who have been  
lodged in various relief camps/ quarantine, specially in the districts  
bordering other States, it is directed that no new entrant should be  
allowed in a particular relief camps/ quarantine facility and no intermingling of occupants of one facility should be allowed with occupants  
of other facility. Any occupants of such facilities having symptoms of ILI  
must be tested and assigned category -8.  

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6. All the Medical Superintendents, H.P.
7. All District Surveillance Officers, Himachal Pradesh

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