Circular
Subject: Random Testing - regarding

In view of recent increase of COVID 19 cases and to ensure effective surveillance, it is hereby directed that random testing using RT-PCR pooled sample technique to be done for the following category of persons:

a) Slum dwellers
b) Vendors / Bill Collectors etc in Malls, Super Markets, Markets & Footpaths
c) Delivery Boys of Food Chains & Couriers

Preference should be given to include the persons > 50 years of age and those with comorbidities.

Those who are likely to come in contact with maximum number of persons in markets, malls etc should be included in the sample as per the capacity of the districts which should be inclusive of samples collected by routine testing as per protocols issued previously.

The Commissioner, BD&MF and Deputy Commissioners in consultation with the local expert committee will identify the persons and locations from which random sample are to be collected over and above groups mentioned in the above referred testing protocol.

Additional Chief Secretary to Government Health and Family Welfare Department

To:
1. Principal Secretary, Medical Education
2. Commissioner, Health Family Services, Anand Rao circle, Bengaluru
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4. Director, Health Family Services, Anand Rao circle, Bengaluru
5. Director, Medical Education Dept., Anand Rao circle, Bengaluru
6. All Deputy Commissioners.
7. All CEOs of ZPs.
8. All District Health Officers.
9. All District Surgeons.
10. All Testing Labs of State.

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