CM: Pregnant women in cluster containment campus shall be tested for COVID -19

Gandhinagar, Friday: Chief Minister of the state Mr.Vijay Rupani has taken an important decision for the well-being of pregnant women in the state.

Dr. Jayanti Ravi, Principal Secretary of the Health Department, provided details about the decision of the CM. She said, “The sensitive Chief Minister has instructed the Health Department to ensure that pregnant women living in cluster containment areas as well as those in labour camps and those who have been shifted from hotspots centres experiencing labour pains or are about to give birth in next five days shall be tested for COVID-19 even if they don’t show any symptoms of the virus.”

She added that such tests would be conducted as per the guidelines of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

Principal Secretary of Health also said that the state started with conducting 100 tests per day in the beginning of April whereas now it conducts 2963 tests per day as of 23rd April, 2020.

Around 100 samples from each district of the state have been tested in a single day as a part of the CM’s strategy to cover the citizens of every district to curb the spread of corona. This make it to 4218 tests in a day.

19 laboratories including 15 government and 4 private laboratories are working with a total capacity of 3000 tests every day for conducting such tests. These laboratories provide test results within a day.

She informed that the Indian Council of Medical Research has given approval to start one more lab at Gandhinagar Government Medical College.

Dr. Jayanti Ravi also said, “Rapid anti-body test kits are being used in 30 districts of Gujarat. These kits enable the health state to quickly detect people with early symptoms of the virus. 24,000 kits have been provided to Gujarat by the Government of India.”

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