Stepping up its preparations to tackle the Novel Corona Virus, Haryana Chief Secretary, Mrs. Keshni Anand Arora today directed the officers to make an aggressive containment plan in their respective districts to stop community transmission. She directed that the containment plan should be made on the lines of the Union Health Ministry. She said that the plan will certainly ensure early detection of cases, breaking the chain of transmission in the State.

The Chief Secretary gave these directions while presiding over the meeting of the Crisis Coordination Committee meeting with the officers appointed for COVID-19, through video conferencing here today.

Speaking on the occasion, she said that linking micro-planning with Health aspects is the need of the hour and every officer should ensure the proper execution of the same. She further directed that while executing the micro-level planning, door to door survey of every household should be conducted to ascertain the exact data of how many people are quarantined, isolated, recovered, medically tested and if the delivery and supply chain of essential commodities is maintained appropriately or not. She said that every Deputy Commissioner should minutely understand the problem, analyze it and resolve it at the grassroots level as in this hour of crisis only aggressive strategy will help to tackle this pandemic.

She directed the officers of the Police Department to appoint a Supervisory Officer in each district for the areas which have been quarantined so that a close watch can be kept on the people during the isolation period and even after it.

She directed that the District Administration should ensure that the Chief Medical Officers, medical colleges and civil hospitals should have a second and third line action plan ready in case of any emergency. She said that the supply of medical oxygen, availability of ventilators, PPE kits, N-95 mask, and sanitizers should be ensured in each district. She added that hospitals should be visited to review the medical arrangements there.

The Chief Secretary directed that the data in each district should be compiled properly so that every minute detail is available. She directed that an additional officer should be deployed with civil surgeons for the compilation of correct data.

Talking about the spread of ‘False news’, the Chief Secretary directed that rumour mongering should be effectively countered. She called for strict action against those spreading ‘False News’.

During the meeting, Additional Chief Secretary Health, Mr. Rajeev Arora shared that till now a total of 119 cases have been reported in the State, out of which 15 have been discharged and there are 102 active cases, while 2 deaths have been reported in the State.

The Chief Secretary was apprised that two private testing labs including SRL and Core diagnostics have already started for COVID testing and Lal Path Lab has also been approved for the same.
The civil surgeons across the State have been directed to follow the ICMR protocol while testing the COVID-19 samples.

The Health Secretary shared that the ESIC medical college lab has also been started for COVID-19 testing. Apart from this, the Government of India has also approved the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) lab in Chandigarh for testing.