ORDER

Sub: DRDM – COVID 19 – Reporting of ILI/SARI symptomatic cases to nearest Primary Health Center (PHC) - Orders – Issued.

Ref: i. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897
    ii. The Disaster Management Act, 2005

WHEREAS, in the wake of the Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) outbreak which has been declared as a Notified Disaster under the provision of Disaster Management Act, 2005, has prompted this UT Administration to take several preventive measures.

AND WHEREAS, it has been reported that around 70% of Covid deaths in Puducherry District are due to the late admission to hospitals. In order to overcome late reporting, active surveillances of the cases have been initiated by roping line Departments (SHG’s of DRDA in rural area, Nehru Yuva Kendra and SHG’s of NULM in Urban areas) along with Health care workers (Asha, ANMs, Anganwadi Workers etc.,)

AND WHEREAS, during the active surveillance, it is observed that people are unwilling to disclose the symptoms to the field level officials, thereby hampering the efforts of the District Administration in curtailing the spread of disease and reducing mortality.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dr. Arun T. I.A.S., in the capacity of District Magistrate, Puducherry in exercise of powers conferred under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 do hereby order the following:

i) Any person having symptoms of ILI/SARI (fever, cough, cold, breathlessness) shall immediately report to the nearest PHC or Covid Focus Centre.

ii) All Clinical establishments / Nursing Homes shall report about the Covid symptomatic patients to the nearest PHCs. A daily report of cases referred to the PHC shall be submitted to Dr. Thirumalai Shankar, Deputy Director (IEC), Mob: 9443480506.
iii) Public shall respond to field level functionaries (ANM, Asha Workers, Anganwadi Teachers etc.) during their field visit.

iv) All establishments (Government Offices, Private Offices, Industrial Establishments, Banks, Shops, other commercial establishments) shall report to PHCs if any of their officials/staff have symptoms related to Covid-19.

Any violation of the above instructions is punishable under the provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005 and Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.

The authorities concerned shall comply with the above instruction.

(Dr. Arun T, I.A.S)
DISTRICT COLLECTOR –CUM-DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

To
1. The Senior Superintendent of Police (L&O), Puducherry
2. The Director of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry
3. The Deputy Director(PH) – to coordinate with PHCs and Private Nursing Homes
4. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, North/South
5. The Superintendent of Police, North/South/East/West
6. The Incident Commanders.
7. Covid War Room
8. Covid Enforcement Team.
9. Medical Officers of all PHCs.

Copy to
1. The Chief Secretary to Government, Puducherry.
2. The Development Commissioner, Puducherry.
3. All Secretaries to Government, Puducherry.
4. All Head of Departments, Puducherry
5. The Commissioner, Puducherry/Oulgaret Municipality
6. The Commissioner, All Commune Panchayat
7. The Director, Department of Information and Publicity – For wide dissemination of this information.

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1. The Hon’ble Lt. Governor, Puducherry
2. The Hon’ble Chief Minister, Puducherry
3. All Hon’ble Ministers, Puducherry