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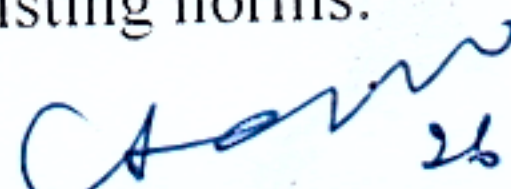
The COVID-19 situation has been evolving continuously since the outset and accordingly the detection strategy and testing criteria have been revised in our country from time to time.

In the present scenario, the need has arisen to test people in certain situations where he/she is asymptomatic or has no definite contact history. Hence the issue of OPD based testing has also come up. Opening up of provisions for home isolation/quarantine has made the matter further relevant.

Considering the above, the undersigned likes to state that private hospitals which also have an approved laboratory for test of SARS-COV-2 may go for a walk-in sample collection system, maintaining the necessary bio-safety measures.

The intending patient has to be taken to the sample collection unit through the OPD (or Fever Clinic if he is symptomatic) and sample is to be taken on Doctor's advice. Social distancing and infection control practices have to be duly maintained in the concerned units.

Reporting from the laboratory will continue as per the existing norms.



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1. The Director of Medical Education, Govt. of West Bengal.
2. The Mission Director, NHM, Govt. of West Bengal.
3. The Addl. Secretary (PHP), Govt. of West Bengal.
4. The Special Secretary (ME), Govt. of West Bengal.
5. The Addl. Mission Director, NHM, Govt. of West Bengal.
6. The Jt. DHS (PH & CD) and SSO, IDSP, Govt. of West Bengal.
7. The Dy. Director Health Services (Admin), Govt. of West Bengal. He is requested to make wide circulation of the above document.
8. The Dy. Director Health Services (Leprosy), Govt. of West Bengal. He is requested to make the concerned laboratories informed.


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Dy. Director of Health Services (PH),
Govt. of West Bengal