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Advisory: Setting up of Community based Isolation Centers with basic Oxygen Support
(Revised)

In the background of the recent rise in numbers of Covid 19 infected people, there is a need to prioritise hospital beds for those with significant symptoms. For the larger segment with mild symptoms isolation at home or at Isolation Centres/Safe Homes is recommended.

The NGOs/Resident Welfare Associations etc. may run Isolation Centers with oxygen support based on the following criteria with information to the CMOH of the district/CMHO KMC for Kolkata.

- The Covid Care Facility will be a makeshift facility. This may be set up in community hall/ centre, common utility areas, empty flats etc. which are isolated location-wise from rest of the occupied dwelling.
- The Covid Care Facility should preferably have a separate entry / exit. Entrance to have mandatory hand hygiene (sanitizer dispenser) provisions for caregivers.
- There will be situations where patients with negative/unknown Covid status with SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Infection) or dips in oxygen saturation will have to be entertained. A separate room with beds separated by a distance of 1 metre should be earmarked for that.
- A Registered Medical Practitioner will look after the facility with at least two visits a day and also for additional times as & when necessary.
- Nurses/trained community volunteers will be on duty round the clock.
- Basic medications as per the state guidelines and basic oxygen support with oxygen cylinders/concentrators may be provided. (visit wbhealth.gov.in>> guidelines: Revised Management Protocol).
- A tie-up can be entered into with private hospitals/practitioners.
- The support of Telemedicine services as a backup can be availed.
- Basic clinical parameters, as relevant for such cases e.g. temperature, pulse, BP, breathing rate, oxygen saturation etc. will be monitored and recorded at least twice daily and four times for patients with oxygen support.
- In case a patient requires referral to a higher centre/ Covid hospital, the initial management has to be given before dispatching the patient. Saturation levels below 86% warrant referral.
- Standard infection control practices and biological waste management system as applicable for covid-19 have to be instituted. (Ref: wbhealth.gov.in>>guidelines). All disposable items of patient to be disinfected and disposed in accordance with said guidelines.
- Adequate no. of protective equipments and other necessary logistics have to be made available for the health care providers including the scavengers. Patients and caregivers will wear proper masks within the facility.
- If the patient suffers from mild to moderate symptoms during stay, s/he may be released after saturation is maintained at 95% or above for last 3 days and is free from fever for three consecutive days (without anti pyretic medicines) but not before the 10th day from the onset of symptoms.
- No follow-up test for SARS-CoV-2 would be necessary.

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