

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

ORDER

Capping of Charges for RT-PCR for COVID-19

No. COVID/NHM/Pb/21/11549

Dated, 20.04.2021

The State Government, in exercise of the powers bestowed under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (COVID-19 Regulations 2020); directs that no Private laboratory should charge any amount more than Rs. 450/- for RT-PCR test for COVID-19, inclusive of GST/Taxes, documentation and reporting in the State of Punjab. Any additional cost for home collection of samples is to be fixed by individual laboratory. The lab shall adhere to the following conditions:-

- a. All the testing protocols as laid down by ICMR and the Government of India and the State Government from time to time shall be followed by the Private Laboratories.
- b. The Private Laboratories shall share the data pertaining to the results of tests for COVID-19 with State Government and uploaded on ICMR portal on timely basis.
- c. At the time of sampling, the identification, address and verified mobile number of the person, who is being tested, must be noted for record, as per sample referral form (SRF).
- d. The data should be uploaded on the RT-PCR app at the time of taking the sample. The test report should be communicated to the patient immediately after the testing is complete.
- e. All test results should be immediately communicated to the Civil Surgeon of the concerned district through e-mail with a copy to State IDSP cell of Punjab.
- f. All the private NABL & ICMR approved laboratories are instructed that, information of the patient should be maintained with utmost confidentiality. All the

private COVID- 19 testing laboratories must preserve the RT-PCR machine generated data and graphs for future verification by the State Government.

g. The laboratories are also instructed to display rates in visible manner.

This order supersedes the earlier order issued in this regard.



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A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information:

1. The Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
2. Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Punjab.
3. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab.
4. Principal Secretary Medical Education & Research, Punjab.
5. Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab.
6. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Punjab.
7. Managing Director, PHSC, Punjab.
8. Special Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab.
9. All the Deputy Commissioners of Punjab.
10. All the Civil Surgeons of Punjab.


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