



ABSTRACT

COVID-19 – Constitution of 'War Room' – Unified Command Center (UCC) a Single Nodal Point for COVID-19 control activities – Commanding Center to monitor Government and Private facilities in Tamil Nadu – Orders – Issued.

PUBLIC (SPECIAL B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1979

Dated : 08.05.2021

(Plava – Chithirai –25, Thiruvalluvar Aandu -2052)

Read:

1. GO.Rt.No.1806 Public (Special B) Department Dated 27.4.2021
2. GO.Rt.No.1812 Public (Special B) Department Dated 28.4.2021
3. From the Health and Family Welfare Department
C.No.16894/P1/2021 Dated 7.5.2021.

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ORDER:

In order to monitor the preventive measures taken against the spread of COVID-19 closely, the State Government has taken various steps to control the spread of the disease. The Government re-constituted the Field Support Team comprising of senior IAS officers supported by District Revenue Officers, Police Officers and Medical Officers to all the Zones of the Greater Chennai Corporation, to ensure effective preventive measures taken against the spread of fresh active cases of COVID-19. In the Districts across the State, Monitoring Officers have been drafted to co-ordinate with the District Administration concerned to ensure the effective preventive measures taken against the spread of the decease.

2. Now, the Government under the powers vested under Sections 34 and 65 of the Disaster Management Act 2005 and G.O.Ms.No.97 Health and Family welfare Department Dated 15.3.2020 constitutes the 'War Room', which will be the Unified Command Centre (UCC) to act as the single nodal point and Private Hospitals, especially for critically ill patients who require oxygen. The oxygen cylinder requirements in Private Hospitals will also be co-ordinated through UCC with the support of the State Drug Controller. The UCC will also utilise the services of the 104 Health helpline for better management of grievance redressal through the on-going call center as well as with the new social media (twitter) handle of 104.

3. The following officers are hereby deputed to be the nodal officers of the various important activities carried out by UCC as noted against each:

Sl No	Name of the Officer	Activities to carried out by the Officer
1.	Dr Darez Ahamed, IAS Executive Director GUIDANCE, Chennai	Over all co-ordination of UCC
2.	Thiru K Nanthakumar, IAS Secretary, TNPSC, Chennai	Nodal Officer for State Oxygen monitoring and emergency response. He will co-ordiante with TNMSC in all issues related to Liquid Medical Oxygen and liaise with private hospitals for their oxygen requirement.
3.	Dr S Uma, IAS Additional Collector (Development) / Project Director DRDA, Chennai	Nodal officer for bed management in both Government and Private hospitals.
4.	Dr S Vineet, IAS Joint Managing Director TANGEDCO, Chennai i. Selvi R Ishwarya, IAS Assistant Collector (Training) Vellore ii. Selvi Anamika Ramesh, IAS Assistant Collector (Trg) Tiruvallur	Nodal officer for field inspection of all empanelled (under CMCHIS) and non-empanelled private medical colleges and hospitals in and around Chennai. The field inspection team will also co-ordiante with the activities of the public health officers placed in the field support team in Greater Chennai Corporation.
5.	Dr K P Karthikeyan, IAS Executive Director TIDCO i. Thiru Katta Ravi Teja, IAS Assistant Collector (Trg) Tiruvannamalai	Nodal officer for major Government Medical Colleges (Dedicated COVID hospitals) and other dedicated covid hospitals in and around Chennai
6.	Tmt R Alagumeena DRO / General Manager TANFINET, Chennai	Nodal officer for maintaining quality and responsiveness of the War Room.

The Officer in charge of overall co-ordination is hereby authorised to depute the officers from the line departments in department of Health and Family Welfare for carrying out the various tasks entrusted on the UCC. The IAS trainees of 2020 batch indicated in Sl Nos. 4 & 5 will be part of the field inspection team under the Nodal Officers concerned and they will be deputed on rotation basis from the Districts.

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4. The UCC will be the significant nodal centre to strengthen the on-going COVID control measures taken in the State. The activities assigned to the Unified Command Centre (UCC) are as annexed to this Order.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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ANNEXURE

(G.O.Rt.No.1979 Public (Special B) Department Dated 08.05.2021)

Major activities entrusted to Unified Command Centre (UCC)

1. The Command Centre established will be a cross-functional leadership hub to help manage the COVID crisis by creating situational awareness of the most urgent issues in the COVID-19 crisis such as Bed and Oxygen availability in Tamil Nadu and directing the public on the same.
2. The Unified Command Centre will monitor the Government of Tamil Nadu's Bed management portal to understand the dynamic vacancy status and support the general public who are in need of appropriate COVID beds. This activity will be done through DME, DMS, PD TNHSRP and CMCHIS wing under Department of Health and Family Welfare.
3. The Command Centre will liaison with line departments, Industries department & GCC PWD, to increase the bed availability in the State.
4. The UCC can act and ensure that all treating hospitals (Government & private) should admit and resuscitate 'Code Red' patients on a priority basis referred by UCC.
5. The Unified Command Centre through the field inspections teams will also monitor both Government and Private Health Care Hospitals, in and around Chennai in co-ordination with the Health Department and GCC.
6. The Unified Command Centre shall provide support in increasing the COVID bed capacity and ensuring the availability of Oxygen in both the Government and Private Hospitals. This will be done with the support of TNMSC and Drug Controller.
7. Analysing, assessing and forecasting State specific data on the COVID-19 crisis and communicating accurate information to Government on timely manner.
8. Enhancing response capabilities of 108, 104 and 102 and also social media handles of 104.
9. The UCC shall also liaison with existing COVID related services with Chief Ministers Comprehensive Health Insurance scheme, Clinical Establishment Act and the Public Health Act for enhanced quality of services and improved health outcomes.

The Major Teams or Units under the Unified Command Centre

- 1. Social Media Surveillance Team** - The Team will be Monitoring the twitter Handle namely '@104_GoTN' and 'Google forms' regarding requirement of the beds and Oxygen
- 2. Response and Triage Team** – Team will use the information created by the social media surveillance team to triage patients on their condition and make a priority list for arranging the bed.
- 3. Bed Management of Private Hospitals** – Team will be liaising with all the private hospitals under CMCHIS for arranging O2, ICU and Ventilators. Arranging bed after the triaging based on the Private Hospital bed availability and informing 104 to intimate the patients.
- 4. Bed Management team of DME (Directorate of Medical Education)** – Liaising with all Government Hospitals under DME for arranging O2, ICU and Ventilators and also Arranging bed after the triaging based on the bed availability on DME institutions and informing 104 to intimate the patients.
- 5. DMS Co-ordination and Non-empanelled Hospital:** Liaising with all **Non-empanelled Hospital** under DMS for arranging O2, ICU and Ventilator sand also will be involved in inspecting Non-empanelled Hospital and enforcing **Clinical Establishment Act (CEA)**
- 6. Indent Quality assurance: NGOs & Volunteers** will follow up on the patients for whom action has been taken by the Unified Command Centre team to get the feedback from the patients. Late they will do analysis about the quality of responses on daily basis.
- 7. Field Inspection Team:** The filed inspection of all empanelled (under CMCHIS) and non-empanelled private medical colleges and hospitals in and around Chennai and the major medical colleges (Dedicated Covid hospitals) and other dedicated covid hospitals in and around Chennai.
- 8. Public Health Field Survey Team (FST):** This includes the public health teams already deployed under each zones. They have to report to UCC regarding code red status of private hospitals, death audit and other containment & public health activities carried out in their zones.

Support Team for the Unified Command Centre:

- 1. 108:** Monitoring the GIS location of ambulances on real time basis and taking appropriate action. They will also be involved in planning decongestion of ambulances at Medical College Hospitals based on real time analysis.
- 2. Drug Controller Team:** Updating and fulfilling the O2 requirements for private hospitals raised by 104.
- 3. data analysis and O2 Forecasting Team:** The team will work in accordance with all other team and making policy based on the Analysing the data and forecasting the requirements.

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