



# **BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**

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## **COVID 19 - THIRD WAVE PREPAREDNESS**

### **1. Surveillance & Monitoring:**

- Central War Room continues to work 24x7 - BBMP head office
- Zonal War Rooms continuing to work 24x7 - 8 zone locations
- Assembly level Control rooms set up recently - 27 places
- Data for all positive cases is being received and allocated for each of the 27 MOH ranges and further allocated to each of the 141 PHCs for field visits, isolation monitoring and for physical triaging.
- Index database is being used for this purpose with log in to 35 officers.
- Regular monitoring of daily positive case load, triaging and hospitalisations.
- The number of cases has risen sharply from 200 to now about 15000 in the last 15 days, in line with the increase in other major cities in the country and in the world.
- Hospitalisations continue to be low - however the number is slowly increasing.
- The problems of oxygen saturation level dropping is not being witnessed in this wave.
- Paediatric cases continues to remain at about 12% of overall cases, no significant increase over the earlier cases.
- Testing is increased from 80,000 per day to 1.3Lakh per day
- Active containment zone count as of 12.01.22 stands at 483 (Top 3: Mahadevapura 165, Bommanahalli 114, South 53)

## **2. Triage System:**

- Tele-triaging by Call outs from the Assembly constituency control rooms - address is verified and the health condition enquired on phone and recorded in data base.
- All positives are mandatorily tele triaged within 24 hours of test results
- While physical triaging was being taken up in cases in the low case scenario, now only those who are identified with symptoms are further physically triaged at the door step by mobile triage units (MTUs). All wards have 1 or 2 MTUs depending on case load. There are 198 wards in the BBMP.
- Physical triage is also done for all patients considered high risk, patients of more than 60 years and/or having co-morbidities.
- Physical triage centres (PTC's) are also established at each of the 27 MOH ranges with walk-in facility for patients seeking medical check-up.

## **3. Hospitalisation and Bed Allocation:**

- The BBMP does not directly operate the Hospitals and the beds. However in the case of pandemic, depending on requirement, certain number of hospital beds are requisitioned and taken by the State Government and given to BBMP for allocation through a system of CHBMS (Covid Hospital Bed Management System).
- The expenses for these bed allocated is borne by the State Government through SAST (Suvama Aarogya Suraksha Trust).
- All the beds reserved for Covid management in the Government Hospitals and Govt Medical Colleges are taken for allotment under the CHBMS.
- The Private establishments offer only certain beds for allotment under the CHBMS. The remaining hospital beds are directly booked by them without any reference to the Govt, BBMP and CHBMS.
- As of now, 3237 beds under Govt Hospitals, 2696 beds under Govt medical colleges, 13540 beds under Private hospitals, and 8594 beds under Private Medical Colleges are identified, totalling to 28067 beds.
- Of these, as of now 6255 beds are made available for allotment under the CHBMS, and 362 are allotted by CHBMS (Govt quota).
- Bed blocking is decentralised and logins are provided to 27 doctors at all MoH ranges.

- The fees and charges of the private hospitals and private medical colleges is also regulated by Govt from time to time. There can not be any exorbitant charges levied by the private establishments.

#### **4. Home Isolation and Covid Care Centres:**

- More than 90% of Covid affected people would not need to be hospitalised.
- Most of the positive cases can recover at home by Home Isolation.
- Positives under home isolation are monitored through tele calling and by field visits by BBMP health teams at the ward level
- If necessary, medications and home isolation kits are provided by BBMP UPHCs to the patients in home isolation
- As per the latest guidelines, home isolation period is 7 days, repeat testing after 7 days is not mandated. They can resume regular activities there after.
- Covid Care Centres (CCCs) are being set up by the BBMP to shift people who cannot be under home isolation. 27 such CCCs are being set up and would be operational by Friday, 14 Jan 22.
- Allotment of beds to the CCCs is being done through the CHBMS, the access to CHBMS is given to the 27 MoH Ranges.

#### **5. Helplines:**

- Toll free number 1533 is made operational 24/7 (*1912 used in the earlier wave is discontinued for Covid, but the same backend team is continued with 1533*)
- Beside this central helpline, 8 zonal helpline numbers are established and operational 24/7
- Assembly level/MoH Range control room helplines are established and are operational 24/7

#### **6. Information, Education & Communications:**

- Daily information about covid status in the city is published on social media and also through press briefing
- Educational material is shared across with all groups on regular basis regarding self isolation, treatment, covid appropriate behaviour as per the prevailing guidelines

- Frequent communications through media and virtual meetings are done with communities, resident welfare associations, schools and other educational institutions, hotels, restaurants, malls etc.
- Interactions conducted with expert committees seeking opinions and advise
- All latest information about covid can accessed at BBMP Covid Website <https://apps.bbmpgov.in/covid19/>

## **7. Restrictions:**

- Night Curfew, Weekend Curfew and other restrictions shall continue as per the GoK guidelines
- Markets shall be shifted from the core areas and placed at open areas, with more spacing, to ensure social distancing. Guidelines regarding the same shall be issued at the earliest.
- Revised advisories for resident welfare associations/apartments are put in place and shall be issued at the earliest.
- As there are many cases identified in paying guests, hostels etc., increased restrictions shall also be imposed on hostels and paying guests, to ensure effective containment, orders regarding the same shall be issued at the earliest.
- 580 Marshals and 1217 Home Guards deployed across all 8 zones, to enforce covid appropriate behaviour and assist with surveillance.

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