



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department - Covid 19 - Private Laboratory - Covid 19 tests - Rates fixed - Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1236/2020/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram,
02/07/2020

- Read 1 Do letter No. ECD/COVID 19/Misc/2020 dated 25.05.2020 from Director General, ICMR.
- 2 G.O.Rt NO. 726/2020/H&fwd Dated 16.04.2020
- 3 G.O.Rt NO. 939/2020/H&FWD Dated 26.05.2020
- 4 Minutes of the Meeting with the representatives of Private Laboratories dated 19.06.2020

ORDER

As per the Government Order read as 3rd paper above, Government have fixed Maximum cost of RTPCR test as Rs. 4500/- , screening test as Rs. 1500/- , Step I True NAT assay as Rs. 1500/- and of Step II confirmatory assay as Rs. 3000/-.

2. As per the letter read as 1st paper above , ICMR informed that the prices for testing kits of COVID- 19 have become competitive and undergone reduction as compared to the initial days of the Pandemic. Hence the upper ceiling price of Rs. 4500/- as stated earlier is not

applicable and requested the State Governments to negotiate with private labs and fix mutually agreeable prices for samples sent by the Government and also for private individuals referred by the Registered Medical Practitioners in Kerala for testing by Private Labs.

3. Government's vision is to ensure access for testing to all eligible individuals in the State. For that a reduction in overall test price is essential. The Department held a meeting with all private laboratories in Kerala performing COVID - 19 test on 19th June 2020.

4. Based on the discussion and further detailed analysis , Government are pleased to revise various tests for diagnosis Covid 19 in the State as follows for the time being.

Type of test	Price per RT PCR test (in Rs.)
RTPCR (Open system) Test	2750
Xpert NAT Test	3000
True NAT Test Step I	1500
True NAT Test Step II (only for those tested positive in Step I)	1500

(By order of the Governor)
RAJAN NAMDEV KHOBRADE
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To:

The Director of Medical Education , Thiruvananthapuram
The Director of Health Services , Thiruvananthapuram
All District Collectors

All District Medical Officers.(through Director of Health Services)
The Drugs Controller Thiruvananthapuram
The Information &Public Relations(Web &New Media)Department.
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