



GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE,
(HEALTH-IV BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

No. HFW-HLH405A/6/2024-1H4/ I/867068/2024/1,

Dated, Chandigarh: 24.06.2024

Whereas the Governor of Punjab is satisfied that the State of Punjab is threatened with the outbreak of dangerous epidemic disease namely Influenza A H1N1 and H3N2 and that the ordinary provisions of law for the time being in force are insufficient for the purpose.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following regulations namely: -

1. Short Title, Extent and commencement:

- a. These regulations may be called **the Punjab Prevention and Control of Influenza A H1N1 and H3N2 Regulations, 2024.**
- b. These regulations shall be applicable in the entire State of Punjab.
- c. These shall come into force on and with effect from the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

2. Definitions: In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires:

- d. "Act" means Epidemic Diseases Act 1897.
- e. "Epidemic Disease" means Influenza A H1N1/H3N2.
- f. "Government of Punjab" means Government in the Department of Health and Family Welfare.
- g. "IDSP" means Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme.
- h. "ILI" means Influenza Like Illness.

3. Authorized Persons: For the purpose of implementation of these regulations, the following shall be the authorized persons

- a. **Department of Health and Family Welfare:** Director Health Services, Deputy Director, Assistant Director, State Programme Officer (IDSP), State Epidemiologist (IDSP), State Microbiologist (IDSP) for the entire State of Punjab. Civil Surgeon, Senior Medical Officer, District Epidemiologist, Microbiologist of DPHL (District Public Health Laboratory), Multi-Purpose Health Supervisor and Multi-Purpose Health Worker for their respective districts.
- b. **District Administration:** Deputy Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioners and Sub-divisional Magistrates in their respective districts.

4. Power of Authorized Persons:

- a. Authorized persons can enter any premises for fever surveillance, epidemiological surveillance, contact tracing of positive cases of Influenza A H1N1/H3N2 after informing the occupants/owners of the premises.
- b. Authorized persons or such other person as may be authorized by the Government can enter upon and inspect any Govt. or Private health facility/laboratory to monitor the implementation of the guidelines issued under these regulations.
- c. The owner/occupant of any premises being entered/inspected upon by the Authorized Person shall extend all support and cooperation to the Authorized Person and shall provide all such information, as may be required, by the Authorized Person.

5. Flu Corners:

- a. All Hospitals, whether in Government or Private, shall have Flu Corners for screening of cases of ILI.
- b. All Hospitals, whether in Government or Private, shall follow the categorization of ILI as per the guidelines issued by Govt. of India from time to time and available at the website of NCDC (National Centre for Disease Control, New Delhi) (ncdc.mohfw.gov.in)/ National Health Mission, Punjab/ Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab for testing and treatment of the suspected and confirmed cases of Influenza A.

6. Reporting:

- a. All Hospitals, whether in Government or Private, shall report all the cases of ILI as and when reported in their health care facility to the Civil Surgeon of their respective district.
- b. All Hospitals and Laboratories, whether in Government or Private, shall report all the cases of Influenza A H1N1/H3N2 as and when confirmed to the Civil Surgeon of their district.

7. Treatment:

- a. All cases of Influenza A H1N1/H3N2, whether suspected or confirmed should be kept in isolation to avoid any spread of the disease.
- b. All Hospitals, whether in Government or Private, shall manage the cases of Influenza A H1N1/H3N2 as per the guidelines/categorization issued from time to time by Govt. of India and available on the website of NCDC (National Centre for Disease Control, New Delhi) (ncdc.mohfw.gov.in)/ National Health Mission, Punjab/ Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab.

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8. **Laboratory Testing:** Any private Laboratory or hospital willing to undertake the testing of Influenza A H1N1/H3N2 shall take a prior permission from the Department of Health & Family Welfare before starting the testing and reporting. The Civil Surgeon of concerned district will certify the capacity and capability of the laboratory for testing of H1N1 Influenza and permission will be granted as per conditions and such other conditions as laid down by the Department of Health and Family Welfare from time to time:
 - a. All Hospitals and Laboratories, whether in Government or Private, shall ensure that only the samples of patients falling in Category C are tested.
 - b. Private Laboratories/Hospitals empaneled for testing of Influenza A H1N1/H3N2 shall not charge more than the prescribed rates.
9. No person/institution or organization shall use any print or electronic media for the information regarding Influenza A H1N1/H3N2 without the prior permission of the Govt. of Punjab. This is to avoid the spread of any rumor or unauthenticated information regarding Influenza A H1N1/H3N2.
10. The District Task Force headed by Deputy Commissioner of the district shall plan and formulate strategy to prevent and control of spread of Influenza A H1N1/H3N2 in their respective districts. The Deputy Commissioner may co-opt any officer from any department as deemed fit in the District Task Force for the activities under these regulations.
11. **Penalty:** Any person/institution or organization violating any provisions of these regulations or orders issued under these regulations shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 3 of the Epidemic Disease Act 1897.
12. **Bar on Legal Proceedings:** No suit or legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under these regulations unless proved otherwise.
13. **Duration:** These regulations shall remain valid for a period of two years from the date of their commencement.

Dated, Chandigarh:
04.04.2024


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- 2) All the Deputy Commission in the State of Punjab.
- 3) The Managing Director, Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab, Mohali.
- 4) The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 5) The Director Health & Family Welfare Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 6) The Director Health Services (FW), Punjab, Chandigarh.
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- 9) The Director Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab for circulation to all DDPOs, BDPOs and Rural Medical Officers of the State.
- 10) The Principal, Government Medical College, Amritsar.
- 11) The Principal, Government Medical College, Patiala.
- 12) The Principal, Government Medical College, Faridkot.
- 13) The Principal, Ambedkar Institute of Medical Sciences, Mohali.
- 14) The President, Indian Medical Association, Punjab for information and circulation to all the members of IMA, Punjab.
- 15) The Medical Superintendent of Mata Kaushalya Hospital Patiala, BBMB Hospital and Civil Hospital Jalandhar.
- 16) The Accountant General Punjab, Chandigarh.
- 17) All the Civil Surgeons in the State of Punjab for information and to circulate the notification to all the Government and Private Health Institutions, Government and Private Laboratories, Govt and Private Medical Colleges, IMA in their district for implementation.


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