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To

Smt. K.K. Shailaja Teacher

Hon'ble Minister of Health & Social Justice
Govt. of Kerala, Govt. Secretariat
Thiruvananthapuram

Respected Madam,

IMA Kerala State Branch is whole heartedly helping the Dept. of Health and the Government in controlling the onslaught of CoVid 19. We would like to submit the following, ascertaining our commitment to the society.

1. IMA has already formed a Covid Control Cell for coordinating the activities and manpower including those in private sector. We request forming an expert committee and voluntary assistance committee with IMA, science and social organisations.
2. Enforce strict isolation and Quarantine measures in the following order of priority:
 - (i) confirmed cases
 - (ii) suspected cases
 - (iii) primary contacts, foreigners and NRIs
3. Ensure adequate preparedness. Train all medical and para medical staff in private sector and mobilize all resources in private sector through IMA.
4. IMA assures mobilization of medical resources, ambulances through Trauma Rescue Initiative and medical students through IMA Medical Students Network MSN. Undergraduate medical students should also be granted holidays as part of social distancing. However services of house surgeons and post graduates may be utilised. Medical students can be made available for any volunteer work through IMA MSN.

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5. Mobilise and coordinate isolation rooms and Ventilators in the private sector through the District Committees of IMA. This will be necessary during the next phase of community spread and we are preparing ahead.
6. IMA also undertake to carry out training of medical and paramedical staff outside Govt sector with help and guidance of health department.
7. Information dissemination to all medical, para medical personnel through health department, IMA and public through media and local self government and other voluntary agencies may kindly be ensured.
8. Social distancing is the need of the hour. Hence, social distancing to be ensured by preventing all congregations including that in worship places.
9. Only scientifically adopted public health measures should be adopted and propagated.
10. Establish more centres in the State to identify the virus at the earliest.
11. Periodic sample survey of people who present with similar complaints. This will help in identifying patients earlier.
12. Clustering of patients in certain areas may be identified and focused surveillance to be promoted at the area.
13. IMA may be included in the daily press meet, so that the information gathered can be disseminated to our members.

Submitting for your kind consideration

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,



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