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**Guidelines for Conducting Undergraduate
Medical/Dental/AYUSH/Nursing/Pharmacy/Physiotherapy/Allied Health
Sciences Examinations during Sep-Oct 2020 in view of COVID-19**

- Institutes to ensure the return of students if any, by following the guidelines for **phased Reopening (Unlock-3) No; RD/158/TNR/2020 dated 30/07/2020**. There shall be no restrictions on interstate and intra state movement of persons. No separate/approval will be required for such movement. However, people coming to Karnataka state to other state shall strictly adhere to the prevailing guidelines/SOP's of Govt of Karnataka.
- A nodal officer shall be designated to monitor the students and staff in order to ensure compliance to all guidelines of COVID-19 periodically issued by Government of Karnataka/ Local administration.
- Arrangements for disinfection of the premises of the students, provision for automated/foot operated sanitizer or dispenser at required places and also to strictly enforce wearing of facemask, physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) in hostel and common areas. This has to be monitored by concerned authorities/nodal officer.
- Support Staff (cooking & supplying staff, cleaning, support staff and others) working in hostels shall be screened daily for Influenza like illness symptoms (ILI).If ILI symptoms are present the person/s shall be sent to fever clinic/hospital and further protocol followed.
- The timings of the mess shall be staggered to ensure physical distancing and prevent crowding.

Conduct of theory examination

Hall arrangements:

1. College authorities shall prepare a micro-plan regarding the number of students, classrooms, teachers, staffs, seating arrangements for students, vehicles, movement plan of students, marking of boxes on the floor outside examination hall etc. The overall objective is to adhere to preventive measures for COVID 19.
2. Training shall be held before the examination to sensitize the invigilators and staff.

4. After completion of each examination session, all the rooms /halls, chairs, tables etc. shall be disinfected with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution (Annexure1).
5. Students should be instructed to report at least one hour prior to scheduled time.
6. At the entry, crowding of students shall be avoided and strict physical distancing of two meters (6 feet) between students to be maintained.
7. Ensure foot operated hand sanitizer dispenser, thermal scanning and screening for ILI/COVID-19 at the entry of examination hall.
8. The following arrangements of seating shall be made in different halls for the following categories:
 - a. Candidates with ILI symptoms
 - b. Candidates from containment zones
 - c. COVID-19 positive candidates
 - d. **All other candidates**

- Ensure physical distancing of 2 metres between the candidates for categories a,b,c and 1 metre for category (d).Students shall wear medical facemask/ and allowed to carry their own water bottle.

- For Covid-19 positive candidates, the examination shall be conducted as per guidelines provided in annexure-2.

Exam Hall Staff:

1. Exam hall staff shall be provided with surgical/N95 facemask, hand gloves and hand sanitizer.
2. Candidates are asked to vacate the hall only after the verification process is completed by invigilators.

Toilets:

1. Disinfection of toilets shall be done before and after each session.
2. Elbow/foot operated sanitizers, wash basin with elbow operated taps and liquid soap should be made available in toilets.
3. Only one student shall be allowed inside toilet at a time.

Exit:

1. Physical distancing shall be strictly enforced.
2. Disinfect the area between sessions allowing 30 minutes of contact time

Note: All other existing guidelines of RGUHS/Apex bodies in lieu of Undergraduate examinations are continued as before.

Annexure-1 :

A. Guidelines for Preparation and use* of 1% sodium hypochlorite solution

Product	Available chlorine	1percent
Sodium hypochlorite – liquid bleach	3.5%	1 part bleach to 2.5 parts water
Sodium hypochlorite – liquid	5%	1 part bleach to 4 parts water
NaDCC (sodium dichloro-isocyanurate) powder	60%	17 grams to 1 litre water
NaDCC (1.5 g/ tablet) – tablets	60%	11 tablets to 1 litre water
Chloramine – powder	25%	80 g to 1 litre water
Bleaching powder	70%	70 g to 1 litre water
Lysol for disinfection Lysol IP (50% Cresol and 50% Liquid soap)	-	2.5% Lysol (1 litre of Lysol in 19 litres of water)
Use* - All touch surfaces like tables, door handles, telephone, table bell, switches, lift buttons, Computer systems, Key boards shall be wiped with clean cloth dipped in 1 % sodium hypochlorite solution or 7% Lysol and air dried for minimum 1 hour before exams		

Annexure- 2

The following guidelines shall be followed for conducting examinations for COVID Positives (candidates who are in COVID hospital/institution):

In view of ongoing COVID -19 pandemic, No candidate/s who is/are COVID positive shall be denied opportunity to appear in the theory examinations. The following guidelines shall be implemented in coordination with the local health authorities (District health officer, District surveillance officer, Chief health officer-BBMP).

Theory examination:

A medical team with 108 Ambulance (ALS) shall be stationed at the examination centre.

Centre of examination:

- There shall be a separate examination centre/room for **COVID Positive** candidate/s as per availability.
- The room shall have natural ventilation.
- Hand sanitizer shall be made available at entry point and appropriate places.
- Disposable glasses for drinking water shall be made available.
- Strict physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) is to be maintained at all times. Seating arrangement shall be such that at least 2 metres (6 feet) distance is maintained between the candidates.
- Liquid soap for hand washing shall be provided in all toilets.
- After the examination is over, all the rooms /halls, chairs, tables, etc. shall be disinfected with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution.

- General solid waste can be disposed as any general waste.
- Waste generated (used mask, goggles, cap, gown etc.) shall be disposed in a separate cover preferably yellow and hand it over to common biomedical waste treatment facility (CBWTF).

Candidate:

- Candidate shall inform regarding COVID- 19 status to the examination authorities well in advance to make necessary special arrangements.
- Candidate shall produce medical certificate from their treating physician certifying that they are fit to write the examinations
- The candidate shall provide “risk consent” for taking up the examination.
- Candidate shall be transported between the hospital and the examination centre by designated 108 ambulance
- Candidate shall wear N-95 face mask & Hand gloves compulsorily at all times during examination
- Candidate shall use hand sanitizer whenever required.

Examiner/Invigilators/Expert assistant/Support staff/Room superintendent:

- He/she shall wear N-95 masks, hand gloves, etc.
- Strict physical distancing of 3 feet is to be maintained at all times.
- Invigilator and the room superintendent shall be preferably those who are on HCQS prophylaxis
- Designated table shall be earmarked for keeping the attendance/invigilator dairy for candidates to affix signature.
- Admission tickets shall be signed by the invigilator maintaining physical distancing and using sanitizer
- At the end of exam, the invigilator shall allow candidates to go out of exam centres following physical distancing
- Avoid frequent conversation with the student.

Note: The practical examination shall be conducted as per the guidelines/SOP issued by apex regulatory bodies like MCI/DCI/others.



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