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## Guidelines for Conducting Postgraduate Medical/Dental/AYUSH Examinations during July-2020 in view of COVID-19

- RGUHS has communicated in its earlier mails to affiliated institutes to ensure the presence of all candidates appearing in the examinations either in the Institute campus or in same city.
- Institutes to ensure return of students if any, by following quarantine guidelines SOP'S of Government of Karnataka/Local administration. However, medical professionals, nurse, paramedical staff, sanitation personnel and ambulances are exempted from requirements quarantine and testing as per protocol for inter-state traveller to Karnataka version 2 dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 issued by Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka (Circular No.: SOP 4/IST/2)
- A nodal officer shall be designated to monitor the students and staff and ensure compliance to all guidelines of COVID-19 periodically issued by Government of Karnataka/ Local administration.
- Arrangements for disinfection of premises of the students, provision of automated/foot operated sanitizer dispenser at required places and to enforce wearing of facemask, physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) in hostel and common areas and to be monitored by concerned authorities/nodal officer.
- Staff's (cooking & supplying staff, cleaning, support staff and others)in working 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.
- 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.
- 2. Training shall be held before the examination to sensitize the invigilators and staff.

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- 3. Exams hall shall have good natural ventilation; Air conditioned hall shall be avoided. The hall shall have separate entry and exit.
- 4. After each examination session is over, 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. All other candidates
  - Ensure physical distancing of 2 metres between the candidates for categories a,b and 1 metre for category (c)Students shall wear medical facemask/ and allowed to carry their own water bottle.

#### **Exam Hall Staff:**

- 1. Exam hall staff shall be provided with medical facemask, hand gloves and hand sanitizer.
- 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 is allowed inside toilet at a time.

#### Exit:

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

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

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### 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	-	2.5% Lysol (1 litre of Lysol in 19
Lysol IP (50% Cresol and 50% Liquid soap)		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

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

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