Guidelines for Conducting Pharmacy Theory Examinations During September - 2020 in view of COVID-19

- RGUHS has communicated in its earlier mails to affiliated institutes to ensure the presence of all examination appearing candidates either in the Institute campus or in same city.
- Institutes to ensure students return if any, by following quarantine guidelines of Government of Karnataka / Local Administration. (Karnataka version 2 dated 8th June 2020 circular No. SOP 4/IST/2).
- A nodal officer should be allocated to monitor them and to ensure all guidelines of travel and quarantine issued by Government of Karnataka / Local Administration.
- Arrangements for Sanitization of inmate’s vicinity, provision of elbow/foot operated/ Automated sanitizer dispenser at required places and to ensure Mask wearing practices with social distancing of 2 meters (6 feet) in hostel to be monitored by concerned authorities/nodal officer.
- Staffs (Cooking & supplying staff, cleaning, supporting staff and others) in working hostels should be screening for Influenza like Illness (ILI). If ILI symptoms are present the person/s shall be sent to fever clinic / hospital.
- Students residing in hostels should be allowed in batches for having food in hostel mess and instruct to avoid mass gathering.
- Contact the candidates individually and advise them to report at the earliest as required.
- The principals of hygiene, social distancing must be advocated by all at all times to ensure the health, safety and security of the students, faculty and staff.

Theory Exam hall etiquette during COVID-19 pandemic:

Exam Hall arrangements:
1. College authorities shall prepare a micro-plan regarding the number of students, classrooms, teachers, staffs, seating arrangements of 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.
3. Exam hall should have good natural ventilation; no air condition hall should be used and should have separate entry and exit. Exam hall to be sanitized as per Government of Karnataka guidelines. (Annexure-1)
4. After each examination session is over, all the rooms/halls, chairs, tables etc. Shall be disinfected with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution. ((Annexure-1)
5. Students should be instructed to report at least one hour prior to scheduled time.
6. At the entry, crowding of students to be avoided and Social distancing of one meter between students to be maintained.
8. Students and staffs inside and outside the examination hall should wear face masks.
9. Candidates shall be allowed to bring their own hand sanitizers and drinking water.
10. The following arrangements of seating shall be made in different halls for the following categories:

   A. candidates with influenza like illness symptoms (ILI).
   B. Candidates from containment zones.
   C. All other candidates Ensure physical distancing of 2 meters between the candidates for categories ‘A’, ‘B’ and 1 meter for category ‘C’ candidates shall wear medical facemask.

11. **Seating arrangements**: All furniture’s used in exam hall shall be sanitized before and after the examination. One-meter radius distancing to be ensured for remaining all asymptomatic candidates.

12. Students shall wear Triple layer mask / surgical mask and may be allowed t their own water bottle, if asked.

**Exam Hall Staff:**
1. Exam hall staff shall be provided with Triple layer mask / elbow length gloves, hand sanitizer.
2. Candidates to be asked to vacate the hall only after the, verification process are completed by invigilators.

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

1. Social distancing should be strictly followed.

2. Once the invigilator gives the instruction to leave the exam hall, the candidates should leave the premises of the exam centre immediately.

3. Disinfect the area between sessions allowing 30 minutes of contact time.

Annexure – 1:

Guidelines for preparation and use* of 1% sodium hypochlorite solution

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<td>Sodium hypochlorite-liquid bleach</td>
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<td>NaDCC (sodium dichloro-isocyanurate) powder</td>
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*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.

Note - All other existing guidelines of RGUHS/Apex bodies in lieu of under graduate examinations are continued as before.