

उत्तर प्रदेश शासन  
चिकित्सा अनुभाग-5  
संख्या- 894/पांच-5-2020  
लखनऊ: दिनांक: 19 अप्रैल, 2020

प्रमुख सचिव,  
चिकित्सा शिक्षा विभाग,  
उत्तर प्रदेश शासन।

कृपया कोविड-19 के वायरस से संक्रमित व्यक्तियों के सैम्पल का टेस्ट बीरबल साहनी पुराविज्ञान संस्थान, लखनऊ से कराए जाने के सम्बन्ध में डा0 वंदना प्रसाद, निदेशक, बीरबल साहनी पुराविज्ञान संस्थान, लखनऊ के पत्र दिनांक 16.04.2020 एवं दिनांक 17.04.2020 (प्रति संलग्न) का संदर्भ ग्रहण करें।


2- प्रश्नगत संदर्भ में कृपया कोविड-19 के वायरस से संक्रमित व्यक्तियों के सैम्पल का टेस्ट बीरबल साहनी पुराविज्ञान संस्थान, लखनऊ से कराए जाने के सम्बन्ध में आवश्यक कार्यवाही करने का कष्ट करें।

संलग्नक : यथोक्त।

  
( वी0 हेमलीं झिमोमी )  
सचिव।

संख्या एवं दिनांक यथोक्त

प्रतिलिपि निदेशक, बीरबल साहनी पुराविज्ञान संस्थान, 53 विश्वविद्यालय मार्ग, लखनऊ को सूचनार्थ प्रेषित।

  
( वेद प्रकाश राय )  
अनु सचिव।

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17 April 2020 at 00:03

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17-04-2020

Sub: Samples for Covid-19 testing at the BSIP, Lucknow.

Dear Sir

This is in continuation with my letter sent to you during the day today (copy attached for ready reference).  
Through the above mentioned letter, we had apprised you of the fact that we have a fully functional and equipped BSL-2A lab at the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences that is capable of testing for the Covid-19 virus, and has the necessary infrastructure as per ICMR guidelines. We are an autonomous Institute of the Department of Science and Technology, India and have the required permission from them for the testing. The Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India has also cleared DST Institutes with the expertise to carry out the testing. I might add that the scientist in charge at the BSIP, has his training from the Centre of Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, and is fully conversant with the procedures involved.

I had had a telephonic conversation with Dr Amita Jain of the KGMU regarding sample sourcing some time ago, who had then advised me to approach you for consent in principle, following which she would be in a position to provide the samples. Hence, we sent letter this morning and are following it up with this email.

We at the BSIP are fully aware of the enormity of the Covid-19 testing problems, mainly due to lack of an adequate number of labs. As a National Institute of the Government of India, and as an Institute with a fully functional BSL2 lab, we consider it our duty to extend our facilities/expertise towards the fight against the SARS-Cov-2.

We should feel grateful if you would kindly accord your approval for the BSIP receiving naso- or oro-pharyngeal swab samples in Virus Transport Medium, to carry out the required testing for the Covid-19 virus.

We look forward to your approval, and guidance for further action if any.

In view of the gravity of the situation, we look forward to an early response.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

Vandana Prasad  
Director, BSIP, Lucknow

copy for information to: PSA to the Government of India  
Secretary, Department of Science and Technology  
Prof Nitin Karmalkar, Vice-Chancellor, Pune, and Chairman, Governing Body, BSIP

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April 16, 2020

To  
The Principal Secretary  
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Copy to  
Director General  
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Sub: Covid-19 testing/ diagnosis services at BSIP, Lucknow.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to show our deep interest and willingness to start with Covid-19 diagnosis, testing and mass screening facility at Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Lucknow. In line up with other Indian Institutions and health care sectors who are playing a crucial role in fighting this battle, we have decided to contribute our scientific knowledge, Lab facilities and expertise to overcome the COVID-19 burden on existing laboratories of our state.

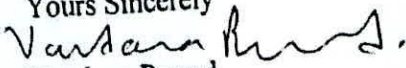
I would like to inform you that we have fully equipped BSL-2 facility and manpower to run a functional testing facility for SARS-COVID-2 virus using RT-PCR method. Moreover, we have collaborated with a private diagnostic lab under PPP model (Redcliffe LifeSciences, Noida) who is providing logistic and manpower support to run the facility smoothly.

We are all set to start the testing facility of COVID 19 and test can be started as soon as we obtain the nasopharyngeal or Oropharyngeal swab samples in Virus Transport Medium. Financial Implications will be governed by the government in relation to COVID 19 testing.

Looking for your guidance and confirmation on the matter.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

  
Vandana Prasad

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