ਵਧੀਕ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਜਨਰਲ ਆਫ ਪੁਲਿਸ(ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ) ਪੰਜਾਬ,ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ।

ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ

- 1. ਵਧੀਕ ਮੁੱਖ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਤੇ ਨਿਆਂ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ।
- 2. ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ,
- 3. ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਸਿਹਤ ਤੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਭਲਾਈ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ।
- 4. ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਜਨਰਲ ਆਫ ਪੁਲਿਸ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ।

ਨੰ:ਜੀ.ਆਈ./ਏ-8/ ਮਿਤੀ:

ਵਿਸਾ:-

Standard Protocol for containment and response to eventualities arising out of COVID-19 outbreak in Prisons, reg.

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸੇ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ।

2. ਵਿਸਾ ਅੰਕਿਤ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਰਾਜ ਦੀਆਂ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਅੰਦਰ ਮਹਾਂਮਾਰੀ COVID-19 ਦੇ ਫੈਲਣ ਨਾਲ ਪੈਦਾ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਰੋਕਣ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਕਿਰਿਆ ਲਈ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵਲੋਂ ਮਾਪਦੰਡ ਨਿਰਧਾਰਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ ਜਿਸ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰ ਨਾਲ ਨੱਥੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਇਹ ਆਪਜੀ ਦੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹਿੱਤ ਹੈ ਜੀ।

ਨੱਥੀ: 2 ਪੇਜ

ਵਾ: ਵਧੀਕ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਜਨਰਲ ਆਫ ਪੁਲਿਸ (ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ) ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ।

ਪਿੱਠ-ਅੰਕਣ ਨੰਬਰ ਜੀ.ਆਈ/ਏ-8/8212 ~8311

ਮਿਤੀ: 17-4-2020

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਦਾ ਉਤਾਰਾ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾਂ ਤੇ ਲੋੜੀਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜਿਆ

ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ:

- 1. ਸਮੂਹ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸਨਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।
- 2. ਸਮੂਹ ਕਮਿਸਨਰ ਆਫ ਪੁਲਿਸ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।
- 3. ਸਮੂਹ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਸੁਪਰਡੰਟ ਆਫ ਪੁਲਿਸ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।
- 4. ਸਮੂਹ ਚੀਫ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਅਫਸਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।
- 5. ਡਿਪਟੀ ਇੰਸਪੈਕਟਰ ਜਨਰਲ, ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ, ਫਿਰੋਜਪੁਰ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਅਤੇ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ।
- 6. ਸਮੂਹ ਸੁਪਰਡੰਟ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।
- 7. ਡਿਪਟੀ ਸੁਪਰਡੰਟ, ਹੈਡ ਕੁਆਰਟਰ (ਨੋਡਲ ਅਫਸਰ) ਮੁੱਖ ਦਫਤਰ।

ਨੱਥੀ: ਪੇਜ 2

ਵਾ: ਵਧੀਕ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਜਨਰਲ ਆਫ ਪੁਲਿਸ (ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ) ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ। Sub: Standard Protocol for containment and response to eventualities arising out of COVID 19 outbreak in Prisons, reg.

The **STANDARD PROTOCOL** for dealing with a situation in any jail when any prisoner, or few prisoners, are found COVID-19 positive shall be as follows:

- 2. In the SOP for Prevention, Screening & Identification and Treatment, all prisons were asked to create 2 special blocks in each prison, viz., Quarantine Block and Isolation Block. The purpose of these special blocks shall be as follows:
 - (a) Quarantine Block: All the newly entered prisoners shall be kept in this block. When the prisoner completes 14 days in quarantine barrack without any symptoms, he shall be moved from quarantine barrack to any regular barrack.
 - (b) **Isolation Block**: If any prisoner in Quarantine Block or any other Barrack/Cell in the prison is found to be symptomatic, he shall be immediately shifted to the Isolation Block for isolation and testing.
- 3. Routine screening of all the jail inmates as well as officials for **ILI (Influenza Like Infection)** is to be conducted regularly by the Medical Officers deployed at the jail.
- 4. Staff for 'Quarantine Block' and 'Isolation Block' shall be separate from staff of rest of the jail, and shall take extra precautions while on duty.
- 5. In case any prisoner is found symptomatic, following steps shall be followed:
 - (a) She/he is to be immediately shifted to Isolation Block and further tested for infection.
 - (b) Movement of all the fellow prisoners lodged in his/her barrack shall be confined to the same barrack only. The barrack shall be demarcated to be Temporary Isolation barrack. To avoid any contact with other prisoners, these prisoners shall be allowed to come out of the barrack only when other prisoners in the Block are in lock-in.
 - (c) Separate utensils shall be provided to 'Isolation Block' as well as 'Temporary Isolation Barrack'. The concerned prisoners shall keep and clean the utensils themselves.
 - (d) Hands-free, contact-less distribution of food shall be ensured.

- (e) Jail officials and medical officers dealing with the Temporary Isolation Barrack shall start wearing special protective gear like gloves, face shield, etc., in addition to masks.
- 6. An **Alternate Isolation Facility** outside the jail premises is being notified for every jail. This facility shall be used for isolating prisoners who could have been infected in case a prisoner tests COVID-19 positive.
- 7. In case the prisoner under observation is diagnosed to be COVID-19 **positive**, following protocol shall be followed:
 - (a) The infected prisoner(s) shall be immediately shifted to local Civil Hospital.
 - (b) All the prisoners lodged in that Barrack Block shall be immediately shifted to the notified 'Alternate Isolation Facility' outside the jail premises
 - (c) All the fellow prisoners lodged in the 'Alternate Isolation Facility' shall be tested for infection. Department of Health may decide whether other prisoners and jail staff are to be tested and which type of test shall be conducted, i.e., Rapid Test or pool testing.
 - (d) PPE kits shall be worn by all the officials who are directly or indirectly in contact with the prisoners at Alternate Isolation Facility.
- 8. It is pertinent to mention here that this Protocol has to be followed in totality alongwith other precautions conveyed from time to time. Jails being crowded places, are highly prone to spread of such viral infections and can lead to sudden out-break at a large scale within a few days if not responded to timely and proportionately.
- 9. All Jail Superintendents should discuss the Standard Protocol with all concerned departments/authorities at the local level and ensure all are aware of the same.

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