## Government of Punjab Department of Health and Family Welfare, Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sec 34-A, Chandigarh

IDSP/PB/2020/3563-84.

date 24 4 2020 Chandigarh

To

All Civil Surgeons, Punjab

Subject: Strengthening SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Illness) Surveillance in Punjab

Regarding the above-mentioned subject, it is stated that the Government of India vide letter No. NIE/SPH/EIS/2C/2019 has advised for strengthening of Severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) surveillance through early detection of suspect cases. ICMR letter dated 21st march 2020 approves testing of all hospitalized patients with Severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) which includes fever and cough and /or shortness of breath.

A simple protocol is developed for tracking hospitalization due to SARI in government health facilities/hospitals and designated private hospitals.

You may take the support of WHO field officers to operationalize timely data collection for SARI hospitalization. This activity will strengthen surveillance and facilitate the early detection of COVID 19 cases.

Attached are the Protocol and Line listing format.

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Director Health Services, Punjab

date 24/4/2000 Chandigarh

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1. To all District Surveillance officers (DSO)

- 2. PS to PSHFW, Punjab for kind information of PSHFW, Punjab
- 3. PA to MD NHM for kind information of MD NHM, Punjab
- 4. PA to Director NHM for kind information of Director NHM, Punjab

**Director Health Services** 

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