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REVISED DISCHARGE POLICY FOR COVID-19 CONFIRMED CASES

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All confirmed positive cases will be discharged immediately once the following conditions are met under each category:

A. Asymptomatic cases:

- 1. Have completed 14 days from the day of first sample collection, and
- 2. Patient remains asymptomatic throughout.
- 3. The person will be directly released to home quarantine for further 7 days without any testing as per GOI Guideline.

NB: At any point of time the patient becomes symptomatic, the discharge policy will be as per any category under the symptomatic groups.

B. Mild symptomatic cases:

- 1. Have Completed 10 days after symptom onset
- 2. No fever or Covid-19 like symptoms for last 3 consecutive days, and
- 3. One negative Truenat/ RT-PCR, for which sample will be collected after 10 days of symptom onset and when the patient has no clinical symptoms. If positive and asymptomatic, retest will be done after 3 days.

NB: 2^{nd} retest will not be required if the patient remains asymptomatic for 3 consecutive days and will be discharged with clinical correlation.

4. Will be discharged to home quarantine for further 7 days

C. Moderate Symptomatic Cases:

- 1. Have completed 10 days after symptom onset,
- 2. No fever/ COVID-19 like symptoms for 3 consecutive days,
- 3. Oxygen saturation is maintained above 95% for 3 consecutive days without oxygen support, and
- 4. One negative Truenat/ RT-PCR, for which sample will be collected after 10 days of symptom onset and when the patient has no clinical symptoms. If positive and asymptomatic, retest will be done after 3 days.

NB: 2^{nd} retest will not be required if the patient remains asymptomatic for 3 consecutive days and will be discharged with clinical correlation.

5. Will be discharged to home quarantine for further 7 days.

D. Severe Cases:

- 1. Resolution of clinical symptoms with no fever/ COVID-19 like symptoms for the last 3 days,
- 2. Ability to maintain oxygen saturation for 3 consecutive days, and
- 3. One negative Truenat/ RT PCR test. If positive and asymptomatic, retest will be done after 3 days.

NB: 2^{nd} retest will not be required if the patient remains asymptomatic for **3** consecutive days and will be discharged with clinical correlation.

4. Will be discharged to home quarantine for further 7 days

E. Other Terms and Conditions:

- 1. Transportation for retest of mild symptomatic cases under home isolation will be self-arranged.
- 2. The patient should be discharged immediately to home quarantine for 7 days after all discharge criteria is met. The medical team / facility will provide a discharge certificate from facility / home isolation.
- 3. All cases discharged to home quarantine shall strictly observe the quarantine norms including following **3Ws** (Wear mask, Wash hands, Watch distance) and avoid **3Cs** (Crowded places, Close contact setting & Closed and enclosed spaces).
- 4. There will be no unnecessary retesting of samples beyond this guideline.
- 5. Severity of symptoms is as per classification by the MoHFW Clinical management protocol.

This revised edition of the Discharged Policy of Covid-19 confirmed cases supersedes all previous versions. This SOP shall be implemented uniformly by all concerned throughout the State with immediate effect and shall not be modified under any circumstances.

Enclosed: Algorithm Revised Discharge Policy for Covid-19

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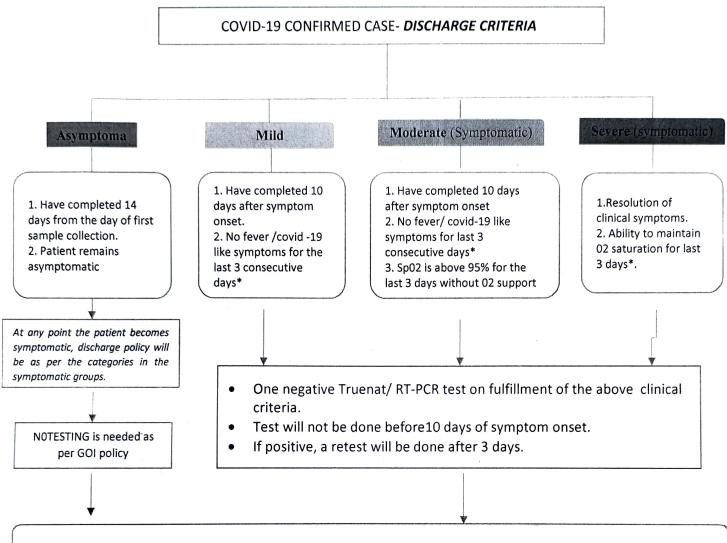
- 1. The Addl Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister, Government of Nagaland Kohima, for kind information.
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- 3. The Principal Secretary, Home Department Kohima, for kind information.
- 4. The Commissioner & Secretary, Nagaland Kohima, Health & Family Welfare Department for kind information.
- 5. The Mission Director (NHM)/ Director (H)/ Jt Director & Nodal Officer for Covid-19 Testing/ SPO (IDSP), Nagaland Kohima, for information and necessary action.
- 6. The Deputy Commissioner/ Chief Medical Officer/ Medical Superintendent of all districts for information and necessary action.
- 7. The IEC Bureau, Directorate of Health & Family Welfare for necessary action.
- 8. Guard file/ Office copy.

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Dated Kohima, the <u>IA</u> th Sept 2020

ALGORITHM REVISED DISCHARGE POLICY FOR COVID-19: NAGALAND



DISCHARGE to strict HOME QUARANTINE for 7 days

with self-monitoring of symptoms and strict adherence to 3 Ws (Wash Hands, Wear Mask and Watch Distance)

* 2^{nd} retest will not be required if the patient remains asymptomatic for 3 consecutive days and will be discharged with clinical correlation.

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