

### GOVERNMENT OF KERALA Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department – Refixing the rate for various COVID-19 tests for walk-in-patients to private static laboratories empanelled with Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Kerala and rates for PPE kit and N95 mask – Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

## HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT

#### G.O(Rt) No.307/2022/H&FWD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 8/2/2022

Read: 1. G.O (Rt) No. 1935/2020/H&FWD dated 21/10/2020.

- 2. G.O (Rt) No. 980/2021/H&FWD dated 30/04/2021.
- 3. G.O (Rt) No. 1131/2021/H&FWD dated 27/05/2021.
- 4. Letter No. KMSCL/EP/10413/2021 dated 25/01/2022 from the Managing Director, Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited.

#### **ORDER**

As per Government Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above, Government have fixed the rate for various COVID-19 tests. Later, as per Government Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above, the rate for RTPCR test through private labs has been revised to Rs. 500/- per test. As per Government Order read as 3<sup>rd</sup> paper above, the rate for 15 essential medical items including PPE kit and N95 mask has been fixed to ensure the availability of medical items to common man at fair price.

2) As per letter read above, the Managing Director, Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited has informed that the rates of testing materials of certain tests were reduced considerably in the market. However the rate for the consumables required for the tests conducted in proprietary technology machines such as RT LAMP, Xpert NAT and True NAT are not reduced and the number of tests done with these type of machines are less than 2% of the total tests done in the State. Also, the maximum rates for RTPCR and Antigen tests were reduced by various States across the Country. Hence, the Managing Director, Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited has done a detailed study of test kits rates, other expenditure involved to do test and other compliances and conducted discussion with private laboratories and informed the proposed rates for various types of COVID-19 tests, PPE kit and N95 mask in the State.

3) Government have examined the proposal in detail and are pleased to refix the rate for various types of COVID-19 tests for the walk-in-patients to private static laboratories empanelled with the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Kerala and fixed the rates for PPE kit and N95 mask as follows:

RATE FOR COVID-19 TESTS		
Type of Test	Price per Test (inclusive of all charges)	
RTPCR	Rs. 300/-	
Antigen	Rs. 100/-	
Xpert NAT	Rs. 2350/-	
True NAT	Rs. 1225/-	
RT LAMP	Rs. 1025/-	

RATE FOR PPE KIT AND N95 MASK		
Item	Lowest Rate / 1 Unit	Highest Rate / 1 Unit
PPE kit	Rs. 154/- (XL) Rs. 156/- (XXL)	Rs. 175/- (XL & XXL)
N95 mask	Rs. 5.50/-	Rs. 15/-

By order of the Governor,

# RAJAN NAMDEV KHOBRAGADE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To

The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram

The Managing Director, Kerala Medical Service Corporation Limited

All District Collectors

All District Medical Officers

The Principal Accountant General (A&E/Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

Food & Civil Supplies Department

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