

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Panchayat Raj & rural Development Department - Palle Pragathi – Rainy Season- Comprehensive guidelines for Gram Panchayats on preventing the spread of seasonal, vector and water borne diseases amidst the Covid-19 Pandemic – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (GP.FIN) DEPARTMENT

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In view of the ensuing rainy season and the seasonal diseases like gastroenteritis, diarrhoea, dengue, chikungunya, malaria, typhoid and viral fevers amidst the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, there is every need to take utmost care and adequate precautionary and preventive measures to prevent the spreading of these diseases and safeguard public health in the rural areas of the state.

2. The following guidelines are issued to all the Gram Panchayats in the State to take up preventive and precautionary measures to safeguard public health within their jurisdictions.

1. Measures to prevent stagnant water within the Habitations:

The Sarpanch and the Panchayat Secretary along with the Sanitation Sub-Committee of the Gram Panchayat shall take up a scheduled and structured Padayatra of all the Habitations of the Gram Panchayat to identify those areas where there is a likelihood of the water stagnation/water pools during the ensuing rainy season. The Sarpanch and the Panchayat Secretary shall ensure that immediate and time bound steps are taken to prevent such stagnation. The following areas need to be attended to:

- 1.1 Desilting of all pucca and kaccha drains **before and during the rainy season** so as to ensure the free flow of drain water and rain water.
- 1.2 Ensuring the filling up with good quality "morom" of all low-lying areas to prevent rain water/waste water from gathering and creating water pools.
- 1.3 Filling up all pot-holes on main roads and path ways in the village. Any form of water stagnation on the roads should be prevented.
- 1.4 Ensure that rain water drains away from the village by clearing all channels/kalvas for free flow of the water to the nearest kunta or tank.
- 1.5 After every rain, the Sarpanch and the Panchayat Secretary should visit all wards and check for any stagnant water pools and take measures to drain away the collected water and prevent such stagnation in the future.
- 1.6 Expeditious completion of household, institutional and community soak pits.

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- 1.7 The measures to prevent stagnant water should cover not only the habitation, but all public institutions of in the village like schools, hospitals, market yards, aangan wadis, etc.

2 Measures for Safe Drinking Water Supply:

Adequate steps to ensure supply of safe drinking water to all the households should be taken. The following measures can be taken;

- 2.1 The Panchayat Secretary should ensure that residual chlorine levels in the drinking water supply are adequate by testing at least three points - at main supply OHSR / PWS tank, and in any other two prominent places.
- 2.2 Ensure that all the water supply tanks are cleaned once every ten days on 1st, 11th and 21st day every month.
- 2.3 Frequently check for and arrest leakages in water pipelines.
- 2.4 Frequently check for and arrest pit taps to avoid water contamination.
- 2.5 Ensure that Dry Day is followed by all the households on every Friday. On the Dry day, all the water storage utensils/drums, jars pots, buckets and tanks within the households and all water storage units/OHSR should be cleaned, allowed to fully dry and then filled up.

3 Measures to prevent breeding of mosquitoes:

All Gram Panchayats should take up antilarval measures in the village to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

- 3.1 Anti larval measures should include overhead tanks, underground storage tanks, cement tanks, metal drums, earthen jars, rain water harvesting tanks and evaporation coolers (Hot and Dry areas) etc.
- 3.2 Fogging shall be taken up in the village covering all the households.
- 3.3 Regularly spraying of bytex and spreading oil balls wherever necessary shall be done to prevent breeding of mosquito larve.
- 3.4 Take up awareness in the village about the connection between dry day and mosquito breeding

4 Maintenance of top-class Sanitation in the village: -

- 4.1 The ongoing sanitation and cleanliness drive taken up under Palle Pragathi should be intensified and deepened to ensure that the entire village is neat and clean at all times. The following should be ensured;

- 4.2 Segregation at the household level and collection of dry and wet waste and its carting to the segregation shed should be done on a daily basis. Even in those GPs where the Segregation Shed is still under construction, the waste segregation at the household should be done and a temporary site for composting of wet waste should be used.
- 4.3 Measures shall be taken up to convert the wet garbage in to compost manure by adopting the available methods.
- 4.4 The sanitary staff of Gram Panchayats shall remove the garbage, jungle heaps and shrubs if any existing in the open areas and ensure cleanness.
- 4.5 All Public Places like Bus stands, Markets, School Premises, Hospital Premises, Cart Stands, Ration Shop areas shall be sprayed up with disinfectant with freshly prepared 1% Sodium Hypo Chlorite or Phenolic disinfectant at least 4 times a day.
- 4.6 In the Gram Panchayat offices and public offices, high contact surfaces such as door handles, call buttons, public intercom systems, equipment like telephone, printers, scanners and other office machines should be cleaned twice daily by mopping with a linen/ absorbable cloth soaked in disinfectant. Frequently touched areas like table tops, should be specially cleaned.

5 Personal Hygiene:

In view of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, all the public of the Gram Panchayat to be educated on the following measures:

- 5.1 Maintain personal hygiene by frequently washing hands with soaps and water (for minimum 20 seconds).
- 5.2 Cover nose and mouth with a mask at all times. Wearing the mask around the neck without covering the nose and mouth is equivalent to not wearing it. Gram Panchayat should levy and collect a fine of Rs 1000/- on every person not wearing a mask in public places and work places.
- 5.3 Always maintain minimum 6 feet distance from co-workers.
- 5.4 Strictly follow sneezing and coughing etiquettes.
- 5.5 If any family members display symptoms of fever, cough and running nose, intimate the concerned Asha worker.
- 5.6 Avoid close contact with any one showing symptoms of respiratory lines, such as coughing and sneezing.
- 5.7 To drink boiled and cooled water.
- 5.8 To plant Krishna Tulasi, Pudina, Citronella grass, lemon grass within the premises of households as anti-mosquito measures.

3. All the above are only indicative measures and each Gram panchayat should take additional measures to prevent the outbreak of seasonal diseases during the ensuing rainy season.
4. Sufficient funds are available with each Gram Panchayats. Funds are being released every month without fail by Government for this purpose.
5. The District Collectors and District Panchayat Officers will ensure the meticulous implementation of these measures with special focus on SC/ST habitations and evolve a system of management by exception of large, weak and difficult Gram Panchayats that require additional monitoring and supervision. The MPDOs/MPOs should provide leadership to this effort at the mandal level and Collectors should consider to assign large and difficult Gram Panchayats to MPDOs/MPOs.
6. The District Collectors shall review this item on an urgent basis and purchase necessary items like equipment, chemicals on war footing basis.
7. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad shall prescribe a daily online proforma for reporting and shall monitor with districts on daily basis. Commissioner, P.R. & RE is also requested to submit a daily report to Government on these aspects.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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To

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All the District Panchayat Officers thro" Commissioner, P.R & RE, Hyderabad.
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