

**Ministry of Family & Health Welfare**  
**Directorate General of Health Services**  
**EMR Division**

**Guidance document on appropriate management of suspect/confirmed cases of COVID-19: Railway Coaches - COVID Care Centre**

**Scope of the document:**

Considering the possibility of increase in cases of COVID-19, a view is taken to utilize Railway coaches for COVID Care Centre. Railway coaches will be used for the cases suspected/ confirmed, and categorized into very mild/ mild as per the document: **Guidance document on appropriate suspect/confirmed cases of COVID-19** put on MoHFW website on dated **07.04.2020**.

**Aims:**

1. To observe the patients as mentioned in scope for their symptoms and clinical condition.
2. In case of change of the symptoms/ clinical conditions, suitable reference to the designated centre/ hospital for further management.

**Guiding Principles:**

1. All the procedures will be adopted as per the aforesaid document of EMR Division, Ministry of Family & Health Welfare, put on website on 07.04.2020.
2. Separate coaches for suspect and confirmed cases should be ensured to avoid cross infection.
3. As far as possible, wherever cases are admitted in the COVID Care Center coach, preferably individual cabin should be assigned for each case. Should the situation warrant, up to a maximum of two confirmed patients can be assigned in individual cabin.

**Standard Operating Procedures:**

1. The Ministry of Railways, as its contribution to national cause, has initiated conversion of Railway Coaches into COVID Care Centers to provide additional beds for COVID-19 patients as and when required.

2. The special train coaches, after formation shall be cleaned, and disinfected as per protocol for disinfection of quarantine facilities issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (available at <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/90542653311584546120quartineguidelines.pdf>).
3. A list of 215 stations where the special train coaches can be placed is attached at Annexure I. (as allied facilities to make these coaches operational like watering and electricity may not be available at all stations).
4. Railways will designate state wise nodal officers for allocation of trains and for coordinating with the respective State/UT Government. The Railways will share the list of their nodal officers, with the States/UTs. The States\UTs shall also designate a nodal officer for coordination with Railways.
5. State/UTs would send their requisition through their nodal officer to the nodal officer of Railways following which the Railways will make allocation of these coaches to the State/UTs.
6. After the allocation by the Railways, the train shall be placed, at required station with necessary infrastructure, and handed over to District Collector/ District Magistrate or one of their authorized persons.
7. The State Government shall map at least one COVID Dedicated Hospital for each train so that patient can be shifted to the hospital in case of emergency. The State\UT Government shall make suitable ambulance arrangements for shifting the patient. Preferably one Basic Life Support Ambulance with oxygen and ambubag should be stationed at the Railway Station where the train is placed.
8. In the list of stations (Annexure I), as indicated in the list, there are 85 stations where the Railways shall provide necessary healthcare staff.
9. The respective State/UT government may place a request for placing the coaches at the other 130 stations only if they agree to provide staff and essential medicines at such stations.
10. The Railways would be responsible for provision of all the items as prescribed by the MoHFW for the COVID Care Centers, including arrangements for oxygen cylinders in each coach & other necessary items such as including linen etc.
11. Para-medical staff on train shall do bio medical waste segregation at source. The respective State\District shall do waste disposal

- arrangements following the mechanism being followed for hospitals in the respective State\District.
12. The staff deployed on the special train coaches would work under the overall supervision of the Chief Medical and Health Officer (CMHO) of the concerned District or the nodal officer identified by the respective District Collector\Magistrate.
  13. Standard Treatment Protocols of the Ministry shall be followed for management of cases. The staff deployed at the special train coaches shall be suitably oriented\trained, wherever necessary.
  14. Wherever the train is stationed, Rolling Stock Department of Railways shall make arrangements for watering of coaches regularly, any repairs required in coaches, and also for replenishment of Chlorine tablets at the bio-toilet discharge.
  15. Electrical Department shall make arrangements for provision of proper electricity connections to the coaches and maintenance of electric installations.
  16. For any repairs required in infrastructure or any additions to be made or in case of any emergency of such nature, the contact number of local railway authority would be shared with the State where the train is stationed.
  17. Wherever required, catering arrangements shall be made by IRCTC/ Commercial Department.
  18. Railway Protection Force shall ensure suitable security to the coaches, patients and staff working there.
  19. Proper signages shall be placed outside railway stations, platforms and near location of coaches to guide authorities and patients to the coaches in a way that they are separate from the general public using the railway facilities.
  20. Should the need arise for coach temperature management, arrangement for roof top insulation of the coach or any other suitable arrangement shall be made through local arrangements by Railways.
  21. One changing facility for doffing at end of the train on platform where the train is parked is required to be provided. This facility, if not available as a permanent set up, may be provided as a temporary arrangement, by the Railways.
  22. As a special case, Ministry of Environment & Forest and Climate change has provided one-time exemption from registration of train coaches for the purpose of generating hospital waste. However, the guidelines issued by Central Pollution Control Board/State Pollution

Control Board related to treatment of COVID-19 patients shall be strictly followed.

23. When the train is handed back to Railways, the staff deployed for the train shall ensure all biomedical waste bins are cleaned and emptied; the train cleaned and disinfected, and then handed over to authorized staff after tallying the inventory. The Railway staff shall again disinfect the train as per protocol issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from time to time and lock it till further orders.
24. In case the train is requisitioned by Railway Authorities, they shall also follow the above guidelines.

Annexure - I					
List of stations where special train coaches converted to COVID Care Centers can be placed					
Sr. No.	State	Name of STATION	Availability of healthcare staff from Railways	Nodal Officer for the Station	Mobile Number
1	Andhra Pradesh	VISHAKHAPATTANAM	YES	Dr. B. Samanta	8978080506
2	Andhra Pradesh	Vijaywada	YES	M D Naik	9710374500
3	Andhra Pradesh	Guntur	No		
4	Andhra Pradesh	Palasa (PSA)	No		
5	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayanagram (VZM)	No		
6	Andhra Pradesh	Renigunta	No		
7	Andhra Pradesh	Manthralayam Road (MALM)	No		
8	Andhra Pradesh	Kondapuram (KDP)	No		
9	Andhra Pradesh	Diguvameta (DMT)	No		
10	Assam	GAUHATI	YES	DR. P.N. MAHESWARI	9957550501
11	Assam	NEW BONGAIGAON	YES	DR. A. ROY	7002599401
12	Assam	LUMBING	YES	DR. S.K. CHAKRAVARTY	9957553500
13	Assam	DIBRUGARH	YES	DR. BASUDEV ROY	9957555511
14	Assam	Badarpur (BPB)	YES	DR. S.K. DESHMUKH	9957553501
15	Assam	NEW TINSUKIA	YES	DR. B.C. ROY	9957555500
16	Assam	Rangapara North	YES	DR. R. PRASAD	9957554501
17	Assam	KAMAKHYA	YES	DR. P.N. MAHESWARI	9957550501
18	Assam	RANGIYA	No		
19	Assam	SILCHAR	No		
20	Assam	SILIGURI	No		
21	Assam	Mariani (MXN)	No		
22	Assam	MURKONGSELEEK	No		
23	Bihar	SONEPUR	YES	Dr. P K Singh	9771429500
24	Bihar	SAMASTIPUR	YES	Dr Govind Prasad	9771489500
25	Bihar	PATNA	YES	Dr Shyamal Das	9771425501
26	Bihar	KATIHAR	YES	DR. B.K. CHOUDHURY	9771441500
27	Bihar	Narkatiaganj (NKE)	No		
28	Bihar	SAHARSA	No		
29	Bihar	DARBHANGA	No		
30	Bihar	BAGHALPUR	No		
31	Bihar	MUZAFFARPUR	No		
32	Bihar	CHHAPRA	No		
33	Bihar	Siwan (SV)	No		
34	Bihar	BARAUNI	No		
35	Bihar	RAXAUL	No		
36	Bihar	Sitamarhi (SMI)	No		
37	Bihar	Jainagar	No		
38	Chattisgarh	BILASPUR	YES	Dr. Biswajit Chakrabarty	9752876501
39	Chattisgarh	Raipur	YES	Dr. K C Bag	9752877503
40	Delhi	NEW DELHI	YES	Dr MB Shankhwar	9717630501
41	Delhi	Delhi	YES	Dr Man singh	9717631500
42	Delhi	Hazrat Nizamuddin	YES	Dr MB Shankhwar	9717630501
43	Goa	VASCO DE GAMA	No		
44	Gujarat	AHMEDABAD	YES	Dr. Alok Srivastava	9724093500
45	Gujarat	RATLAM	YES	Dr. A.K. Malviya	9752492500
46	Gujarat	RAJKOT	YES	Dr. R.V.Sharma	9724094525
47	Gujarat	Bhavnagar (BVC)	YES	Dr. P. wagh	9724097505
48	Gujarat	Vadodara	YES	Dr. Brahmaprakash	9724091500
49	Gujarat	Valsad	YES	Dr Haldar	9724099032
50	Gujarat	Gandhidham (GIM)	YES	Dr. Alok Srivastava	9724093500
51	Gujarat	SURAT	No		
52	Gujarat	New Bhuj	No		
53	Gujarat	OKHA	No		
54	Gujarat	Verawal (VRL)	No		
55	Haryana	AMBALA CANTT	YES	Dr CS Anand	9729539500
56	Haryana	REWARI	No		
57	Haryana	HISAR	No		
58	Haryana	Bhiwani (BNW)	No		
59	Jammu & Kashmir	JAMMU TAWI	No		
60	Jammu & Kashmir	SRI VAISHNO DEVI KATRA	No		
61	Jharkhand	DHANBAD	YES	Dr. G.N. Panda	9771426500
62	Jharkhand	CHAKRADHARPUR	YES	Dr.S.K.Mishra	9771482500
63	Jharkhand	RANCHI	YES	Dr. G C Hembram	9771484500 9771484502

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64	Jharkhand	TATA	YES	Dr.S.K.Behera	9771482517
65	Jharkhand	GOMOH	No		
66	Jharkhand	MURI	No		
67	Jharkhand	Barkakana (BRKA)	No		
68	Karnataka	Hubli	YES	Dr.G.S.Ramachandra	9731665514
69	Karnataka	Bangalore	YES	Dr.M.Ravindran	9731666500
70	Karnataka	Mysuru Jn	YES	Dr.Meera patil	9731667500
71	Karnataka	YASHWANTPUR	YES	Dr.M.Ravindran	9731666500
72	Karnataka	Harihar (HRR)	No		
73	Karnataka	Sivamogga Town (SMET)	No		
74	Karnataka	Hosapet (HPT)	No		
75	Karnataka	Hassan (HAS)	No		
76	Karnataka	Arsikere Jn	No		
77	Karnataka	Baglokot	No		
78	Karnataka	Talaguppa	No		
79	Karnataka	Mangalore	No		
80	Karnataka	Bijapura (BJP)	No		
81	Karnataka	Belgaum	No		
82	Kerala	Palghat (PGT)	YES	Dr. V Kalarani	9746763500
83	Kerala	ERNAKULUM	No		
84	Kerala	Shoranur (SRR)	No		
85	Madhya Pradesh	HABIBGANJ	YES	Dr Asha Chamania	9752416500
86	Madhya Pradesh	JABALPUR	YES	Dr B. C. Bara	9752415501
87	Madhya Pradesh	BHOPAL	YES	Dr Asha Chamania	9752416500
88	Madhya Pradesh	KTT (Kota)	YES	Dr Ashish Mukherjee	9001017500
89	Madhya Pradesh	Itarsi Jn	No		
90	Madhya Pradesh	Sahdol (SDL)	No		
91	Madhya Pradesh	INDORE Jn	No		
92	Madhya Pradesh	Ujjain (UJN)	No		
93	Madhya Pradesh	Bina	No		
94	Madhya Pradesh	Guna	No		
95	Madhya Pradesh	KATNI MURWARA	No		
96	Madhya Pradesh	Rewa	No		
97	Madhya Pradesh	Satna (STA)	No		
98	Madhya Pradesh	Nagada	No		
99	Maharashtra	Solapur (SUR)	YES	DR ANAND KAMBLE	7219614500 7219614502
100	Maharashtra	PUNE	YES	DR RAMKRISHNA	7219613500
101	Maharashtra	BHUSAVAL	YES	DR SAMANTRAY	7219611500
102	Maharashtra	NAGPUR	YES	DR SANDHYA HEDAWOO DR SUSHMA DALAL	7219612503 7219612505
103	Maharashtra	Mumbai Central	YES	Dr. Hafeezunnisa	9004490520
104	Maharashtra	BANDRA TERMINUS	YES	Dr. Hafeezunnisa	9004490520
105	Maharashtra	Igatpuri	No		
106	Maharashtra	Hazur Sahib Nanded	No		
107	Maharashtra	Daund (DD)	No		
108	Maharashtra	Panvel (PNVL)	No		
109	Maharashtra	Miraj (MRJ)	No		
110	Maharashtra	Pandharpur (PVR)	No		
111	Maharashtra	BALHARSHAR	No		
112	Maharashtra	Dadar Western	No		
113	Maharashtra	Latur (LUR)	No		
114	Maharashtra	SHIRDI (SNSI)	No		
115	Maharashtra	Aurangabad	No		
116	Maharashtra	Gondia (G)	No		
117	Maharashtra	Itwari (ITR)	No		
118	Maharashtra	Naghbir	No		
119	Maharashtra	Nandurbar (NDB)	No		
120	Odisha	BHUBANESHWAR	YES	Dr. A. Senapati	8455885550
121	Odisha	KHURDA	YES	Dr. G. C. Dash	8455887500
122	Odisha	SAMBHALPUR	No		
123	Odisha	Titlagarh (TIG)	No		
124	Odisha	Kantabanja (KBJ)	No		
125	Odisha	Rayagada (RGDA)	No		
126	Odisha	Korapat (KRPU)	No		
127	Odisha	JHARSUDA	No		
128	Odisha	ROURKELA	No		

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129	Punjab	FEROZEPUR Cantt	YES	Dr Ranjana sehagal	9779232509
130	Punjab	AMRITSAR	YES	Dr Ranjana sehagal	9779232509
131	Punjab	LUDHIANA	No		
132	Punjab	JULLUNDER CITY	No		
133	Punjab	PATHANKOT	No		
134	Punjab	BHATINDA	No		
135	Punjab	SRI GANGANAGAR	No		
136	Rajasthan	JAIPUR JN	YES	Dr P K Mishra	9001195550
137	Rajasthan	AJMER JN	YES	Dr. P.C. Meena	9001196500
138	Rajasthan	BIKANER	YES	Dr.R.Manjhi	9001197500
139	Rajasthan	JODHPUR	YES	Dr. S.K. Saha	8118821182, 9001198500
140	Rajasthan	Bhagat Ki Kothi	YES	Dr. S.K. Saha	8118821182, 9001198500
141	Rajasthan	UDAIPUR CITY	No		
142	Rajasthan	Abu Road (ABR)	No		
143	Rajasthan	Merta Road (MTD)	No		
144	Rajasthan	JAISALMER	No		
145	Rajasthan	BARMER	No		
146	Rajasthan	Hanumangarh (HMH)	No		
147	Rajasthan	Churu	No		
148	Rajasthan	Madar	No		
149	Rajasthan	Sikar	No		
150	Rajasthan	Suratgarh	No		
151	Rajasthan	Chittourgarh (COR)	No		
152	Rajasthan	Munabao	No		
153	Tamil Nadu	CHENNAI EGMORE	YES	Dr. V. Nirmala Devi	9003160516
154	Tamil Nadu	CHENNAI CENTRAL	YES	Dr. V. Nirmala Devi	9003160516
155	Tamil Nadu	MADURAI	YES	Dr. R. J. Bhaskar	9003862501
156	Tamil Nadu	Erode	YES	Dr. Soumya A	9481453554
157	Tamil Nadu	Villupuram (VM)	YES	Dr. Gnananandan	9003864513
158	Tamil Nadu	Tiruchilapalli (TPJ)	YES	Dr. R. Soundararajan	9003864500
159	Tamil Nadu	Tirunevelli (TEN)	No		
160	Tamil Nadu	JOLLARPETTAI	No		
161	Tamil Nadu	Mayiladutturai (MV)	No		
162	Tamil Nadu	Thiruvavur (TVR)	No		
163	Telangana	Secunderabad	YES	S Mahapatra	9710370510
164	Telangana	KACHEGUDA	No		
165	Telangana	Adilabad	No		
166	Tripura	AGARTALA	No		
167	Uttar Pradesh	KANPUR	YES	Dr PK Sardar	9794837501
168	Uttar Pradesh	DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAYA NAGAR	YES	Dr.M.S.Nabiyal	9794843500
169	Uttar Pradesh	MORADABAD	YES	Dr Dinesh mohan	9760534526
170	Uttar Pradesh	LUCKNOW	YES	Dr VM sinha	9794833500
171	Uttar Pradesh	PRAYAGRAJ	YES	Dr V.Agarwal	9794835505
172	Uttar Pradesh	JHANSI	YES	Dr. Abha Jain	9794838500
173	Uttar Pradesh	GORAKHPUR	YES	Dr.P.Prasad	9794840511
174	Uttar Pradesh	Varanasi City (BCY)	YES	Dr.M.S.Nabiyal	9794843500
175	Uttar Pradesh	LUCKNOW JN	YES	Dr.S.Srivastawa	9794842500
176	Uttar Pradesh	GONDA	YES	Dr.D.More	9794842521
177	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly City (BC)	YES	Dr.A.Kunnu	9760541500
178	Uttar Pradesh	MADUADIH	YES	DR. GYANEDRA MOHAN	9794861605
179	Uttar Pradesh	Varansi	YES	Dr.M.S.Nabiyal	9794843500
180	Uttar Pradesh	BAREILLY JN	YES	Dr.A.Kunnu	9760541500
181	Uttar Pradesh	SAHARANPUR	No		
182	Uttar Pradesh	Chopan (CPU)	No		
183	Uttar Pradesh	NAJIBABAD	No		
184	Uttar Pradesh	Ballia (BUI)	No		
185	Uttar Pradesh	MAU	No		
186	Uttar Pradesh	Faizabad	No		
187	Uttar Pradesh	Ghazipur City (GCT)	No		
188	Uttar Pradesh	Azamgarh	No		
189	Uttar Pradesh	Nautanwa (NTV)	No		
190	Uttar Pradesh	Farrukhabad (FBD)	No		
191	Uttar Pradesh	Bhatni (BTT)	No		
192	Uttarakhand	Kashipur (KPV)	No		
193	Uttarakhand	HARIDWAR	No		

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194	Uttrakhand	KATHGODAM	No		
195	Uttrakhand	Ramnagar (RMR)	No		
196	Uttrakhand	Lalkua (LKU)	No		
197	Uttrakhand	KASGANJ	No		
198	West Bengal	HOWRAH	YES	Dr. B.C. Saha	9002022500
199	West Bengal	KOLKATA	YES	Dr. D.C. Bhunia	9002021500
200	West Bengal	ASANSOL	YES	Dr. B. Ghatak	9002023500
201	West Bengal	MALDA	YES	Dr. A.S. Prasad	9002024507
202	West Bengal	JAMALPUR	YES	Dr. H.K. Mondal	7044466445
203	West Bengal	ALIPURDUAR	YES	Dr. C.S. RAWAT	9002052500
204	West Bengal	NEW JALPAIGURI	YES	DR. R. BHATTACHARJEE	870947500
205	West Bengal	ADRA	YES	DR.KALYAN BRATA	9002083500
206	West Bengal	KHARAGPUR	YES	Dr.S.A.Nazmi	9002081500
207	West Bengal	Sealdah	YES	Dr. D.C. Bhunia	9002021500
208	West Bengal	New Alipurdwar (NOQ)	YES	Dr. C.S. RAWAT	9002052500
209	West Bengal	Azimganj (AZ)	No		
210	West Bengal	Rampur hat (RPH)	No		
211	West Bengal	Lalgola (LGL)	No		
212	West Bengal	ILLOO (LLO)	No		
213	West Bengal	Purulia	No		
214	West Bengal	Krishnapur (KRP)	No		
215	West Bengal	New Cooch Behar	No		