

PRAVARA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (DEEMED UNIVERSITY)

RURAL DENTAL COLLEGE, LONI.

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Date : 13th December,

To

- i) All HODs of Teaching Departments RDC
- ii) Faculty Coordinators of Students Coordination and Redressal Committee
- iii) All students of RDC (2020-21 Batch)
- iv) Rectors (Ladies & Male)
- v) COVID Nodal Officer
- vi) Officer Incharge, COVID Task Force
- vii) Medical Superintendent
- viii) Dy. Medical Superintendent (Casualty)
- ix) Nursing Superintendent
- x) CRs Ladies & Boys of 2019 Batch

JOINING BY NEWLY ADMITTED BDS STUDENTS : 2020-21 BATCH

1. Please refer to earlier letter sent by the Principal through whatsapp.
2. After extensive review of the COVID situation, and the instructions issued by the Government of Maharashtra and by the DCI, the details of preventive measures which will be enforced for the new (2020-21) BDS batch of RDC are laid down in the subsequent paragraphs, for strict compliance by all concerned.
3. As already informed, the students will report to the campus on 29 December,2020. However, if some student can not report due to genuine reasons, she/he should seek permission from Dr. Rahul Patil by sending message on whatsapp group or by an email. (Email ID: principal.rdc@pmtpims.org)
4. On reporting to the campus, the procedure of testing for COVID will be as follows. The students will report to the campus on the specified date to the "sample testing area" (located adjacent to the Vehicle Garage area), between 6.00 am to 8.00 pm. Those students who arrive between 8.00 pm to 6.00 am will report to the Casualty department. The students will be checked for any

signs/symptoms suggestive of COVID, and a swab will be tested by RAT. The following steps will be taken :

- a) If the student does NOT have any suggestive sign/symptom AND is negative by RAT, he/she will be directed to the respective hostel.

- b) If the student has any suggestive sing/symptom OR is positive by RAT, he/she will further tested with RT-PCR. If RT-PCR is negative, the student will be directed to the hostel. However, if RT-PCR is positive, the student will be admitted to the Dedicated COVID Hospital (DCH) of Pravara Rural Hospital for further management.

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5. Once the students reach the hostels they will be briefed in detail by the Rectors/Wardens regarding personal preventive measures about COVID and a typed SOP will be handed over, under receipted signatures from the students. They will also be issued with a kit on reaching the hostel, containing the following items.

- a) N-95 masks- Quantity – 04
- b) Cloth lined envelopes- Quantity -04
- c) Tab. Ivermectin (12mg)- Quantity – 03
- d) Hand Sterilizer Solution in a dispenser- Quantity- 01
- e) Face shield- Quantity-01

6. The method of using the items mentioned above will be clearly mentioned in the

SOP which will be handed over by the hostel warden to the student.

7. The total charges for RAT testing and the protective kit will be Rs.1200/- and will be charged from respective students by the Finance Officer. If the RT-PCR testing is done, it will be charged separately.
8. While the students are in quarantine in the hostels, their second phase of " Induction course" will be held through online mode. Students should be in possession of their android mobiles/tablets/laptops to participate in the induction course and any other such online teaching activity.
9. After arrival in the hostel, ALL students WILL be QUARANTINED within hostel premises for 14 days. All students will strictly stay within their respective hostels during the period of quarantine. They will come out of the rooms only for meals and toilet activities. Strict hygiene and sanitation in the toilets and dining areas will be observed as specified later on. If a student develops symptoms during this period of quarantine, he /she will be clinically evaluated and tested with RT-PCR. If found positive, he/she will be treated at DCH.
10. After completion of quarantine as well as the completion of induction course, the teaching/ training will be started. Students will be divided in batches so that there is no overcrowding and social distancing is observed. However, though the students will be allowed to come out of the hostels to attend their teaching/training, NO student will be allowed to go out of the CAMPUS. All gates of the campus will be strictly locked for any exit by students. The management will make arrangements to ensure that all the requirements of students are provided with the campus. Students will also be allowed to go for walking/jogging in the main sports fields from 6.00 am to 8.00 am and 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm within the campus.
11. Any student who is not coming as per the schedule given (i.e. on 29th December,2020), will also have to undergo the mandatory RAT testing (and PCR testing if required) AND WILL have to undergo 14 days of quarantine. If the student misses out any teaching/training or examinations due to late reporting

and subsequent quarantine, it will be the sole responsibility of the student and this institution will NOT have any responsibility for taking any extra classes or conducting any separate examination for the concerned students.

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12. CONSENT to join the institution (as per format given as Annexure to this letter), duly signed by the student as well as the parents/guardian WILL be MANDATORY and no student will be allowed entry without submitting the consent. In case a student is not coming because the student or his/her parents are not consenting, the provisions of para 11 above will apply to the student and this institution will NOT be responsible for any loss of teaching & training or inability to appear at the examination, which may be caused to the student. In this regards, it is also advisable that students come to the college as per schedule and ensure timely testing and quarantine followed by their teaching/training. Coming late for reasons like ceremonies, functions, etc, should be done only if unavoidable, in the students' own interest.

13. Two separate "Google Forms", one for details of hostel accommodation and other for arrival details and testing by Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) are being sent to students by Email/Whatsap. Students should fill up the forms and send the same electronically to Prof. Rahul Kunkulol respectively at the earliest and Dr.Sumeet Mishra. Students should make sure that the signed consent form (duly signed by the student and parents), is uploaded along with the Google form being sent by Dr Sumeet Mishra.

14. During the stay in the college, and till further orders from the Principal, the following instructions will be strictly followed by all students and will be strictly enforced/provisioned for, by all the concerned staff members :
 - a. Students will always put on the mask and face shield (being provided to the students as a part of the protective kit). They will remove these items only when taking meals or while shaving, bathing or undertaking oral hygiene.

- b. Students will use the various protective items being provided in the kit, as per the procedures which will be handed over in writing to the students on their arrival.
- c. Students should be in possession of their individual android phone/tablets/laptops for the online teaching/training that may be scheduled by the college authorities.
- d. Meals will be served in well ventilated areas within the hostels. Meals will be served by the designated food bearers who will put on fresh sterile gloves during every meal. These food serving persons will also strictly put on a mask AND a face shield.
- e. Adequate social distancing will be maintained while eating meals in the messes. Students will sit on the chairs or at marked areas which will be marked as per adequate social distancing. They will NOT shift the chairs and sit close to each other. The points where the students will sit and eat will be marked with red or white tape on the tables as well as on the floors.
- f. Students will thoroughly sanitize their hands with alcohol rub IMMEDIATELY BEFORE AND AFTER visiting the toilet in the hostel. Adequate amount of alcohol rub will be provided at the entry points of all toilets in the hostels.

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- g. NO packets (including food packets) from outside the campus will be allowed to be delivered to the students. Students will be allowed to order for delivery of food packets from the "Food Court" within the campus, which will be deposited with the security guard at the entrance of the hostel and the student will collect it from the guard. If the students need any other type of edibles (as wafers, Biscuits, Cold Drinks, etc.), they will inform the respective wardens and the item will be made available the next day. As

regards any orders given to e-commercial sites like Amazon, the delivery persons will deposit the same with the security persons at the main gate and the concerned student will be informed to collect it. However, while during quarantine, students will NOT be allowed to move out of the hostels and hence making orders to commercial sites during this period should be restricted by the students.

- h. All day to day usage items like fruits, cosmetics etc. will be made available within the campus at "Path Pedi". Students will be allowed to visit Path Pedhi from 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm for buying their routine requirements, ONCE THE QUARANTINE PERIOD IS OVER.
- i. Students will immediately report to the casualty department in case they develop any signs/symptoms suggestive of COVID during their stay in the campus (headache, fever, body ache, cough, nasal congestion, rhinorrhea, nausea, malaise, feeling of exhaustion, loss of smell, or loss of taste).
- j. Students will visit the hospital premises ONLY for scheduled teaching/training activities. Strict action will be taken on any student found loitering around unnecessarily in or around the hospital.
- k. Students will ensure adequate "social distancing" by keeping a distance of at least 3 feet (preferably 6 feet) from any other person.
- l. Once the period of quarantine is over, students who have paid for 3- seater rooms will be shifted back to their original 3- seater rooms.
- m. NO student will be allowed to go out of the campus, till further orders/relaxation is issued by the Principal RDC Or Dean,RMC. Non-observance of this instruction will be viewed very seriously.

15. It should be noted that automobiles (2 wheelers/4 wheelers) are NOT allowed for any undergraduate student (including Interns). Students are therefore advised NOT to bring any automobile vehicle (two/four wheeler) to the campus. However, foot pedal bicycles are allowed.
16. Vehicles will be provided at sample collection centre (from 6.00 am to 8.00 pm) and at Casualty department (from 8.00 pm to 6.00 am) on 29th December for transporting the Luggage of students from these locations (after they have got their swab

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samples tested for COVID by RAT). The luggage will be carried to the respective hostels in these vehicles. The students will walk down to the respective hostels which are all located within the campus and within a walking distance of 200 to 500 meters from the vehicle area/casualty department.

17. For students who are coming by Taxi, the taxi can be taken alongwith the luggage (after sample testing) till the hostel but NOBODY EXCEPT the student and his/her luggage will get down from the taxi.
18. Keeping in view the COVID situation, and the strict preventive measures being adopted by the Management, students are advised to come by themselves and AVOID COMING WITH PARENTS/RELATIVES. We will take full care of our students once they are here in the campus: However, if the parents/relatives are still accompanying, please note that directive of Para 17 will apply.
19. For travel to the college campus, the nearby stations are : Shirdi (both Railway

station and airport, 28 kms); Nashik (both Railway station and airport, 80 kms), Pune (both Railway station and airport, 180 kms and Mumbai (both Railway station and airport, 6 hours drive) and Ahmednagar (Railway station, 70 kms).

20. Advisory regarding requirement of various items of clothing, bedding and other daily use items already been sent in the groups.

21. For any query, the students should contact Prof. Rahul Patil at the email ID : Principal.rdc@pmtpims.org

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