

### Advisory for Jhuggi Jhopdi Clusters/Slums in view of COVID-19

WHO has declared the COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) as Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

For communities, inadequate shelter and overcrowding are risk factors in the transmission of diseases with epidemic potential such as COVID-19.

Unauthorized colonies and Jhuggi-Jhopri clusters pose a serious human problem as a huge population is living in these colonies.

Jhuggi-Jhopri” means small roughly built house or shelter usually made of mud, wood or metal having thatch or tin sheet roof covering. “Slum” means an area consisting of badly built, overcrowded houses, buildings or Jhuggi-Jhopri cluster.

#### **General types of Unplanned Dwelling Units and Population**

Jhuggi Basti	Encroached on public land
Resettlement Colonies	Incorporated within the expanded city with good shelter consolidation without adequate services
Unauthorised Colonies	Illegal colonies in violation of Master Plans, no clear land title
Notified Slum Areas (Katras)	Notified under Slum Areas
Urban Village	Notified under Municipal Corporation Act
Homeless and Pavement Dwellers	-

The **local representatives/ward members and influencers** in these areas can ensure following **DO's and DON'T'S** to prevent the residents from COVID-19 infection.

1. **Stop all mass gatherings.**
2. Elderly (more than 60 years) to stay indoors.
3. Common areas like toilets, water supply areas, surfaces, likely to be touched by residents to be cleaned frequently using any available disinfectant. Toilets are closed spaces and potential source of infection to others.
  - a. Ensure cleaning of toilets frequently.
  - b. Prevent crowding around public amenities such as toilets, drinking water sources, ration shops.

- c. People waiting should maintain a distance of 1m and face away from each other and refrain from touching their eyes, nose and mouth
4. Ensure all residents have access to soap and water for frequent hand-washing for at least 20 sec.
5. Any family member working as domestic help in neighborhood should request exemption from service for a short period of two weeks so as to ensure that neither the employer nor employee acquires and spreads COVID-19. If they are required to go to work, they should practice proper hand washing with soap and water at and after work.
6. Any recreational facility to be closed to avoid gathering.
7. People can use neighborhood parks subject to strict maintenance of 1-meter distance.
8. No outdoor activities are to be allowed.
9. Local leaders need to check the spread of rumors and misinformation. For clarifications they can contact [national helpline number 1075 or 011-23978046](#) or [Whatsapp number 9013151515](#). Unverified/fake messages received on social media are not to be shared with the others. Only information received from authentic/official sources are to be believed and circulated.
10. In case any positive case is detected in the locality, '**Containment Plan**' will be put in place for which you are required to cooperate with the health authorities.
11. Identified volunteers to ensure that those who have been advised to follow home quarantine do not venture outside their homes and ensure home quarantine for designated time. Any breach in home quarantine can lead to unchecked transmission of infection in the locality. The list of those advised home quarantine will be shared with local representatives/ward members by the health authorities. In case of breach of home quarantine by the residents please inform [national helpline number 1075 or 011-23978046](#) or [Whatsapp number 9013151515](#).
12. Government of India's approved Information, Education & Communication material of COVID-19, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquettes will be provided to local representatives/ward members in hard copies. Local representatives/ward members to ensure their display at prominent places.

13. Local informal health service providers are encouraged to report any suspect case of COVID-19.

### **Instructions for the Residents of JJ clusters/slums:**

If you have any contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, then you need to follow the following instructions

1. Subject yourself to home quarantine for 14 days.
2. If you develop fever, cough, running nose, difficulty in breathing please call immediately on local representatives/ward members and or identified volunteers and **national helpline number 1075 or 011-23978096 or Whatsapp number 9013151515**, for further assistance as regards to testing, medical care which will be provided by Health department, FREE OF COST, at identified hospitals, patient will be transported using ambulance services.
3. Details of all the persons who had close contact with the suspected case shall be shared with concerned health officials and have to be subjected to home quarantine for observation.

### **Taking Care of Children**

1. Discourage children from playing outside in groups.
2. Parents are advised to engage kids in indoor activities.
3. Educate kids on cough etiquette, hand hygiene and social distancing to spread of infection.
4. Parents should ensure that children wash hands with soap and water frequently and after coming back home from outside.
5. Parents/caregivers are advised to counsel their children on COVID-19 and importance of preventive measures so that they understand the reasons of restrictions on their activities.

Support and cooperation from your side is highly necessary as this would reduce the transmission of COVID-19 infection in the community.