Advisory on 2019 Novel Corona Virus – Regarding

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has issued an alert about 2019 Novel Corona Virus infection which occurred in Wuhan city, China. The affected patients are reported to have developed symptoms of Acute Respiratory illness within 14 days of contact, with history of Fever and Cough and requiring hospital admission. Few of them have developed Sever Acute Respiratory illness.

Apart from China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, USA & Vietnam have reported travel related Novel Corona Virus cases.

In view of the above, SOP has been made for prevention of Corona Virus infection which is to be followed :-

SOP of KoPT for prevention of Corona virus infection

1. All Foreign going vessels are apprised that Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has asked all the point of entries ie. Airport and Ports in India to be on alert for possible importation of 2019 Noval Corona virus.

2. 24 hours before arrival at Sandheads, Master of all Foreign going vessels destined to go to KDS/HDC should inform HM( R )/HM( P )/MMOH/GM, Marine respectively through e-mail an undertaking that “No Crew member/passenger have a travel history to Wuhan city/other affected areas within the past 14 days. No one is suffering from any symptoms suggestive of Novel Corona Virus illness i.e. Acute onset of Fever,
**Cough, Shortness of Breath**. A copy of the undertaking to be forwarded to Port Health Officer as well.

3. In case of suspected sickness, Master of the vessel should keep the patient in an isolated place and inform the agent of the vessel to arrange for Immigration and shifting of the patient to Infectious Diseases Hospital, Beliaghata after the vessels arrival at the berth, in consultation with Port Health Officer and CMO, KoPT/MS, HDC in a dedicated ambulance with staff wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be provided by KoPT. HM (R) and MMOH to coordinate.

4. Proper personal hygiene and respiratory etiquette should be followed by all stakeholders including Crew members/passengers from affected areas, which include;
   (a) Avoiding close contact with those having symptoms of acute respiratory infection.
   (b) Frequent hand washing, especially after direct contact with sick people or their environment.
   (c) Avoiding close contact with live or dead farm/wild animals.
   (d) Persons with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette(maintained distance, cover mouth while coughing, sneeze into disposal tissues and wash hands).

5. Traffic Manager/GM, Traffic to arrange for wide circulation of the attached advisory issued by Govt. of India.

6. The above guidelines to be followed if any Officer/Crew of the vessel shows the symptoms even during vessel stay at Port.

7. Contact numbers & E-Mail ID: –
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