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Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Medical Education Division

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011
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To

The ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Medical Education/Health)
(All States/UTs)

Subject: Augmenting human resources for Covid management - reg.

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, our country is facing an unprecedented surge in Covid cases with the outbreak of new Corona variant (Omicron) across the globe in the recent weeks necessitating the need for more manpower to handle the ongoing pandemic situation. To address this challenge, this Ministry has issued detailed guidelines vide letter of even number dated 8th January, 2022 for utilizing the services of resident Doctors/PG students/interns etc. for hospital management of Covid 19.

2. It has also been decided in consultation with Indian Nursing Council that if need arises, nursing students can also be roped to handle the crisis, as per their level of skills and training, as indicated below:

Non Covid 19 patients (Screening)	Mild to Moderate Covid 19 patients	Critical Covid 19 patients
*B.Sc.(Nursing) 2 nd Year Students	**B.Sc(Nursing) 4 th Year Students	***M.Sc(Nursing) Students (both 1 st and 2 nd Year)
*B.Sc.(Nursing) 1 st Year Students	**B.Sc(Nursing) 3 rd Year Students	***Post Basic BSc. (Nursing) Students (both 1 st and 2 nd Year)

*B.Sc.(Nursing) 1st and 2nd year Nursing students are novices, hence their services can be utilized in the caring of non Covid 19 patients.

**B.Sc.(Nursing) 3rd and 4th year students are more skilled and experienced and hence their services can be utilized to care for mild to moderate Covid 19 patients.

***M.Sc.(Nursing) students and PB B.Sc(Nursing) students are Registered Nursing Officers and hence their services can be utilized to care for Covid 19 patients.

Note: Nursing students should work under direct supervision of clinical nurses or tutors/ as per institutional protocols.

3. While deploying nursing students for hospital management, Institutions must ensure that;

- all nursing students are appropriately trained in standard precautions, self-protection and are oriented to basics of Covid 19 management.
 - guidelines/protocols for Covid 19 issued by MoHFW are disseminated to all concerned and are followed in letter and spirit;
 - nursing students deployed for Covid 19 management have undergone an essential training module/online webinars, as is being conducted by MoHFW as well as States/UTs.
 - All necessary SoP issued from time to time by MoHFW and state govt including donning of protective gear, handling of samples etc need to be adhered strictly before deploying the above manpower.
4. States/UTs are requested to take note of the above and take immediate and appropriate action.

Yours faithfully,



(V. Hekali Zhinomi)
Joint Secretary

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1. Secretary, Indian Nursing Council
2. All Director of Medical Education/Health (All State/UT)