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**Urgent Circular for candidates and colleges in West Bengal for AIQ NEET PG 2020 admission between
16 June 2020 and 22 June 2020**

In pursuance to the letter from Health Secretary Gol to Chief Secretaries of States and UTs dated 9th June 2020 bearing memo no U-12021/44/2019-MEC, the physical reporting of PGTs for joining allotted Medical/Dental colleges shall be between 16 June 2020 till 22 June 2020. This reporting shall be considered as essential service due to COVID-19 outbreak. Participating colleges are allowed to open and operate for all activities related to preparation and conduction of such reporting process. Allotment letter of the candidates shall be considered as equivalent of curfew pass. The support staff of colleges is permitted to conduct the reporting process and local authorities shall be contacted by the colleges regarding provision of necessary administrative facilitation for conduction of reporting process at the allotted colleges if required.

Based on this above stated letter, the MCC authority, Gol has already issued notice to candidates dated 12.06.2020 bearing memo no U-12021/44/2019/45-MEC for physical reporting in Round 2 in physical/offline mode from 16th June 2020 till 22 June 2020. The outstation candidates are advised to contact the allotted college authorities beforehand with respect to Quarantine rules/ Local Administrative guidelines of the State/City before travelling. **Candidates are also advised to mandatorily download Aarogya Setu App in their registered mobile accompanying with them.**

A similar instruction letter has also been issued for the admitting colleges on 12.06.2020 by the MCC authority, Gol bearing memo no U-12021/44/2019/47-MEC to upload the quarantine rules/guidelines of the local authorities in their websites for benefit of the candidates for admission process. **The contact details of the nodal officer shall be uploaded in the respective college websites so that the candidates can contact him/her mandatorily before arrival. The nodal officer shall keep in touch with the Counseling Committee Swasthya Bhavan and arrange arrival of such candidates in such a way so that crowding is avoided and candidates arrive in groups with 2 day gap between arrivals of each group.**

In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, a candidate shall be treated sympathetically for production of documents/certificates and only the essential documents (like caste certificate, PwD certificate, Allotment letter and candidate ID) shall be taken for provisional admission to him/her subject to the undertaking of the candidate that the same shall be submitted to the college at a later suitable date. However, other required documents as mentioned in the "Important Questions related to Scheme of Counseling" (Q No 9) as per MCC notification in the website www.mcc.nic.in shall also be verified at the time of joining.

The participating colleges shall follow all the Gov/State Govt. guidelines regarding COVID-19 issue.
There shall be proper crowd management.
Volunteers with thermo gun at entry gate shall be deployed.
Staff and students shall compulsorily wear mask.
Hand sanitizer stands with sanitizer bottles should be installed in the area dedicated for admission purpose.
Liquid hand soaps in washrooms should be made available.
Aarogya Setu App status of the candidates must be checked for green status.

Another notice has also been issued by the MCC authority, Gov dated 13.6.2020 bearing memo no U-12021/44/2019/48-MEC to the candidates who were admitted in Round 1 of the counseling virtually and would like to continue with the said seat. **They shall also have to join mandatorily physically to the Round 1 college within the stipulated time 16 June 2020 till 22 June 2020 else the seats shall be considered as vacant.** They shall also join their duties from the date of physical reporting. They also have to abide by the Gov/State rule of COVID-19 pandemic and shall come with the **Aarogya Setu app installed in their registered mobile no.**

The following steps are to be strictly enforced:-

1. The colleges shall inform the Counseling Committee Swasthya Bhavan by 15th June 2020 evening approximately how many candidates are about to report to them for physical reporting taking both Round 1 and Round 2 into consideration (newly allotted and previous virtually admitted taken together). They are also required to give break up of male/female if possible.
2. The colleges have to finalize the name of the Nodal officer and inform the names to the authority with phone no and email id and post the same in the college website that the allotted candidates shall be able to contact mandatorily before arrival so that the travel plan can be chalked out to avoid overcrowding.
3. A whats app group shall be framed with the name of the nodal officers and officers of Swasthya Bhavan for smooth co-ordination of the procedure of physical reporting of the PGTs.
4. The thermal gun shall be arranged by the colleges for checking temperature of the arriving PGTs at the entry gate of Principal Office/students section as the case may be.
5. There shall be ample arrangement of sanitizers at the document verification place and office.
6. As far as possible the payment shall be accepted electronically and the same may be communicated to the candidates in website like round 1.
7. There shall be liquid soap at the washrooms for PGTs arriving for admission.
8. **The Aarogya Setu App status of the candidates shall be checked and only such candidates shall be allowed admission who have green status in app or have normal temperature on thermo gun and no sign symptom of COVID-19.**

9. All the colleges shall apply TRUNAT facility in their hospital to test all such arriving candidates for COVID-19 status and the TRUNAT report shall be communicated to them within the same day. If they are found to be negative, they shall be allowed place in hostel and can join duty from the next day itself.

10. If the candidates are found to be symptomatic/ Aarogya Setu App not being green or TRUNAT result as inconclusive then they shall be undergoing RT PCR and sample to be collected in same college as per COVID-19 protocol and the result shall be provided under priority. They need a stay in Govt. quarantine centre close to the Medical College designated for 1-2 days till the results are received. If the result is negative they can immediately join duty. If the result is positive in TRUNAT/RT PCR then the COVID-19 protocol shall come to vogue and the candidate shall be admitted in COVID-19 facility of the hospital or nearby designated hospital and can only join once declared cured.

11. The fooding and lodging cost and test cost for this above may be borne by the Govt. of West Bengal from the fund of DME (Medical Education Fund kept under WBSH and FW Samiti Swasthya Bhavan). The admitting colleges shall send the application for reimbursement with necessary bills and vouchers as per extant rule.

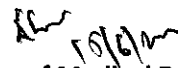
12. If such candidates who have to stay overnight as TRUNAT are inconclusive, are found to be living in Kolkata (for Kolkata based colleges) then they can stay at their home as home quarantine till the result of RT PCR arrives. If such candidates are found to be in other districts of WB then the candidates have to report to the respective BMOH of their place of residence and remain institutional quarantine and to the RT PCR test in that district and can only join back if such report comes to be negative.

13. For colleges other than Kolkata, if the same district candidate has inconclusive report they can stay at home quarantine till RT PCR comes negative. For other state candidate they have to stay in institutional quarantine till RT PCR report comes negative and this institution shall be close to the admitting Medical College and designated Govt. institution. If such candidates are found to be in other districts of WB then the candidates have to report to the respective BMOH of their place of residence and remain institutional quarantine and to the RT PCR test in that district and can only join back if such report comes to be negative.

This circular is issued in the interest of public service.

All concerned are hereby informed accordingly.

This has approval of the competent authority of the Department.



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