

No HFW (NVBDCP) Dengue 2020-23  
Department of Health & Family Welfare  
Shimla -9



To

All the Chief Medical Officers  
in Himachal Pradesh.  
Dated Shimla-9 the

Subject: -

Advisory on Dengue, Malaria & other Vector Borne Diseases preparedness.

Sir/Madam,

As you are well aware that due to Climate Change & Global Warming, Dengue and other vector borne diseases has emerged as serious public health threat in India including Himachal Pradesh. Dengue is emerging as a new challenge to us and should be eliminated in the State through a pro active action plan of surveillance along with other vector borne diseases. To prevent any outbreak & to keep the situation under control it is requested to take below mentioned presumptive measures before the onset of dengue & other vector borne diseases in the coming months:

1. For prevention of any outbreak like situation, surveillance is a key component for continuous monitoring of disease situation and picking up any early signals of impending outbreaks for taking containment measures in order to avert any outbreak. Further, the identification of hot spots for intensification of preventive and control measures is also essential for its effective control. The Districts Rapid Response Team must be well resourced in order to undertake necessary investigations and provide technical guidance and logistic support.
2. Districts shall ensure availability of diagnostics for all vector borne diseases & accessibility of insecticides for vector control. Timely initiation of appropriate vector control activities like (IRS) Indoor Residual Spray, outdoor fogging, anti-larval measures, biological methods and other minor environmental engineering methods along with ensuring acceptance and full coverage as per IVM Manual (Letter No. NHMHP-NVBDDDENG/3/2019-NVBDCP-12551-7108).
3. Trends/ Early warning signals must be monitored through IHIP-IDSP Portal. Therefore ensuring reporting is also vital component for prevention & preparedness. Coordinate and keep a watch on the information generated by the Meteorological department regarding the rain pattern in your respective areas.
4. IEC plan shall be created by the concerned districts and implementation be done by the health blocks in time bound manner so that preventive measures could be taken.
5. Capacity building: Districts shall ensure capacity building of all Health care workers and awareness must be done upto the village level for early containment measures.
6. Adequate arrangements for referral of cases of severe Dengue/Malaria should be ensured for prevention of deaths. All positive cases should be given complete specific treatment. The micro action plan of IRS /outdoor fogging should be meticulously prepared, including training of spray workers, supervision of IRS/ fogging and community mobilization.
7. Entomological survey need to be conducted as per guidelines along with the submission of monthly entomological surveillance formats in reference to the guidelines already shared.

8. Vector control measures must be amplified in order to keep a vigil on larval indices. This will help to identify affected areas so that control measures may be initiated.  
9. All the required information & guidelines for Vector Borne containment are readily available on the State National Health Mission website (<https://nhm.hp.gov.in/>).

Therefore you are directed to ensure the above mentioned preparatory actions so that any outbreaks could be contained. Further, you may review the district wise VBDs situation in Task Force meetings to ensure that your district is well prepared before commencement of transmission period. ATR must be shared on this email [sponvbdcp@nhm.hp.gov.in](mailto:sponvbdcp@nhm.hp.gov.in) also.



  
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- 1 Secretary (Health) to the Govt. of HP for information please.
- 2 Mission Director, NHM HP for information please.
- 3 All the Medical Superintendents, Himachal Pradesh for information & necessary action please.
- 4 HOD, Department of Microbiology, IGMC Shimla, Dr. RPGMC Tanda, HOD, Department of Microbiology, District Kangra for information please.
- 5 MS RH Bilaspur, RH Solan, ZH Mandi, ESI Parwanoo, district Solan & BMO CH Nalagarh District Solan for information & necessary action please.
- 6 All the District Programme Officers, NVBDCP for information & necessary action please.



  
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