

**INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
KRISHI BHAWAN: NEW DELHI**

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

It has come to the notice of the Council that uniform policy is not being followed by the Institutes while making reimbursement for rtPCR Test and for administering of Vaccine for Covid-19 treatment.

In this regard, attention is invited to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India OM No.Z 15025/12/2020/DIR/CGHS dated 10.6.2020 whereby it was clarified that if the CGHS beneficiary is unwell or shows any symptoms of Covid-19, i.e. Fever, Cough or Breathlessness etc., he/she may contact any Government Hospital/Centre/Medical Officer of CGHS/Private empanelled hospital and if advised rtPCR test for Covid-19 as per the prevalent ICMR Protocols, the same may be undertaken from any Government/approved Centre empanelled under CGHS. CGHS empanelled centres shall perform the test on Cashless basis in respect of pensioners etc. and submit the bills to CGHS through UTI-ITSL. The reimbursement for the cost of expenditure on the test at approved rate shall be reimbursed by concerned Ministry/Department/Organisation in respect of serving employees and beneficiaries of Autonomous Bodies. All the Institutes are requested to make reimbursements for rtPCR Test in accordance with the rates fixed by ICMR/CGHS/State Governments in which the Institute is located, whichever is less. As an example, the rates prescribed by the Government of NCR Delhi is linked below.

Vide OM No.12/CGHS/Gr. Cell/2021/DIR/CGHS dated 26.3.2021, they have also clarified that as per the Government of India policy, the vaccination against Covid-19 illness is being provided free of cost to the beneficiaries at the designated government facilities. The beneficiaries are required to pay Rs.250/- per dose in the private hospitals only. As per the policy, no reimbursement has been provisioned if a beneficiary decides to get vaccinated at private empanelled hospitals, therefore the referral for the same by the CGHS Wellness Centres to the private hospitals is not required.