01 Aug 2020: Unlock 3.0 advisories

Dear Member of the Campus Community,

Hope you and your family are well!

Prof Govindan Rangarajan has assumed office as the Director of the Institute and we look forward to his leadership. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to Prof Anurag Kumar for leading the Institute over the past six years and we wish him and his family a happy and healthy life ahead.

The <u>Unlock 3.0 guidelines issued by MHA</u> along with the GoK guidelines on the lifting of night curfew and Sunday curfew come into effect from 1 Aug 2020. Based on these guidelines, the following modifications to previous IISc advisories come into effect:

- All department offices and labs in IISc are permitted to work up to 100% attendance, maintaining social distancing, and safety norms.
- No restrictions on working hours from Monday Saturday. Due to reduced attendance of housekeeping staff on Sundays, to maintain cleanliness and hygiene, working on Sundays is not permitted for now.
- All <u>safety norms of reopening and working in labs</u> need to be followed, including having at least two persons in a lab at any point in time.

We have obtained BBMP approval for starting a sample collection facility for COVID testing and testing the samples at IISc's COVID Testing Lab, for speedy results. We are in the process of contacting hospitals to help us manage the COVID care centres on campus at KRVH and CVH for mild and asymptomatic COVID patients and for more serious cases, at the hospitals.

A new committee has been constituted to handle the COVID situation from 1 Aug 2020. The members of the committee are Prof Umesh Varshney (Chair), Prof Anil Kumar, Registrar, Prof Dipshikha Chakravortty, Prof Satish Patil, Prof Namrata Gundaiah, Dr. Satish Rao, Dr. R Nirmala (on invitation), Col Arun Sharma, Mr. Jayaraj, Mr. Manish Kumar (Chair, Students Council). Our sincere thanks to all the members of the previous committee for their invaluable efforts from 14 Mar - 31 July 2020.

We appeal to all of you to practice social distancing, wear masks, to keep all of us safe. We need to be together to handle these difficult times in a responsible manner. Please visit the <u>COVID Advisories</u> website for more information.

Thanks
Regards
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