

02 Aug 2020 : Update on COVID Situation

Dear Member of the Campus Community,

Hope you are doing well!

During the past few days, we have reports of more cases of people who have tested COVID positive. These include:

- 1 employee living off-campus
- 3 security guards from a human resources service provider
- 3 housekeeping staff from a human resources service provider

The results of retesting of samples collected from 13 student patients, who were tested positive earlier, have been received. 12 of them have been tested negative and appropriate action has been taken as per established protocols.

Recently, you must have seen some newspaper reports reporting the situation in IISc. The following is the authentic information about 53 COVID patients, recorded by our HC, as on 31 July 2020.

Students living in hostels	15 (12 tested negative on retest)
Employees living on campus	02 (01 tested negative on retest)
Family members of employees living on campus	02
Permanent and temporary employees living off-campus	21
Family members of permanent and temporary employees living off-campus	02 (1 expired)
Pensioners	07 (2 expired)
Family members of pensioners	04

We would like to inform you that whenever an employee or a pensioner contacts our HC and requests support with respect to COVID-like symptoms, we take note of that and if they or their family members are tested positive, we assign a patient number for our own record keeping. Kindly note that the BBMP protocol is that a person who provides a sample for COVID testing gets registered with an SRF number and if the sample tests positive, a BU ("Bangalore Urban") number is assigned by BBMP. BBMP directly contacts the patient via SMS/phone to inform the patient about the BU number. The patient has the option to avail the free COVID treatment offered by the government COVID Care Centres (CCC) upon receiving the BU number. The IISc nodal officer, Dr. Satish Rao, is then informed by BBMP to initiate contact tracing and other measures related to containment on campus. BBMP handles containment of off-campus residences.

The BBMP protocol of sealing a department or a residential dwelling is being followed and all administrative decisions are taken based on appropriate medical advice from BBMP doctors and Health Centre doctors.

Departments are typically sealed for 24 hours to disinfect and sanitise the common areas if a patient has visited the department a few days prior to the test.

Please take care of yourself and your family members and stay safe and healthy!

Thanks
Regards
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