Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, the Lab network under ICMR, consisting of around 200 labs (both government and private) are doing 24x7 diagnostic services of the samples being sent to them from across the country. The Labs are informing the concerned States/Districts immediately, if a sample is tested positive enabling the State and district health and surveillance teams to start necessary actions.

2. These Labs are also instructed to update the status of test of each sample immediately through the Lab Management Information System (LMIS) of ICMR and this is one of the prerequisite condition, on which labs under ICMR, State Governments and Private are given the recognition for testing the samples for COVID-19.

   - It is to bring to your notice that Special Surveillance System (S-3) of the portal https://covid19.nhp.gov.in, wherein the States/UTs are entering their logistic preparedness and updating the details about the Positive Cases, is taking the source of positive cases from these ICMR labs for Real time update on the number of positive cases across the country and analytic tools are under preparation to be shared with the States based on the updates being done by States/UTs on positive cases and logistic preparedness.
   - Moreover, if the labs do not update on immediate basis in the LMIS, their recognition to test the samples will also be cancelled.
   - To support the labs for real time updation of records in LMIS, States were also already instructed to provide support of required Date Entry Operators to the labs.

3. It is also bring to your notice that during the Video Conference held by Hon’ble Prime Minister with the Hon’ble Chief Ministers and Health Ministers of all the States/UTs, Hon’ble PM has also requested all the States to provide support to labs towards real time update of the tested samples in their LMIS system.

4. Hence, all the States/UTs are requested to kindly support the labs in real time updating for uploading the results of COVID-19 samples in the ICMR LMIS system. With the increase of spread of cases, it is important that we all are on the same page. This will help in providing logistics required to handle the spread.

Yours sincerely,

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To
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