

COVID-19 Update from IIT Hyderabad

Various information was being shared about the COVID-19 Scenario about IIT Hyderabad recently. The following are the facts about the Covid situation at IIT Hyderabad

1. The institute has taken several stringent measures to combat Covid spread. **Only double vaccinated students** have been invited to the IITH campus. Hence, all the students on the campus are double vaccinated.
2. Currently (ie. as on Jan 13th, 2022), we have **136+75 (211) rooms for isolation** and we will be increasing this number based on the requirement.
3. We have 112 Covid-positive active cases among the students at the moment. All of them have been isolated into separate isolation areas.
4. Almost all the reported cases are either mild or asymptomatic and are showing good signs of recovery within 4-5 days.
5. Sanitization/Disinfection of isolation facility/washrooms are being carried out at regular intervals.
6. We currently have **6 well-qualified medical doctors and 9 staff nurses** serving the IITH community (24x7) on a rotation basis. We have recruited **4 additional staff nurses** exclusively for monitoring the covid cases.
7. The food and medicines for all the covid affected students are being delivered directly by the attenders (with necessary covid protocols).
8. Period of isolation is 7 days from the date of testing.
9. Students of the same pod (if one of the students is found positive) (Primary/Secondary contacts) are being quarantined for 2 days. They are advised to undergo testing if Symptomatic.
10. Rapid antigen testing/RT-PCR is being carried by PHC Kandi/Government hospital, Sangareddy. Samples for the RT-PCR test for Campus residents are also collected by Apollo diagnostic.
11. Strict restrictions are imposed at entry and exit gates to contain the spread.
12. Two ambulances (including ICU on Wheels) are available 24x7 for all emergency situations (including shifting of cases to higher centers, as and when required).
13. **All offline activities have been suspended** and the semester is happening in a **completely online mode**. Many students (who are unaffected) have already vacated the campus (around 600). We are in the process of converting the vacated hostel blocks to isolation facilities. As of Jan 13, 2022, 1600 students are on the campus.
14. Report on the covid cases (on-campus and off-campus) is being shared with the office of DHMO - Sangareddy on a daily basis.

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