

**Fixation of rate for conducting
RtPCR Covid-19 test in NABL &
ICMR approved private laboratories**

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

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- Ref: 1) ICMR's D.O letter No. ECD/COVID-19/MISC/2020, dated 25.05.2020
2) Public Health Department, GOM, Government Resolution No. Corona-2020/C.R.123/Arogya-5, dated 02.06.2020

ORDER

The Covid-19 pandemic not only presents a public health Crisis but also imposes a great financial hardship on most of the vulnerable population. Presently in Maharashtra there are 53 Government laboratories which are mostly in the Medical colleges, State Government Hospitals and institutions and 43 private laboratories which are NABL accredited and approved by ICMR for testing the samples for Covid-19. As per ICMR circular issued on 17th March, 2020, RtPCR testing for Covid-19 was made available through private laboratories and upper limit of single test charge was capped at Rs 4500/-. Meanwhile RtPCR testing kits are now being manufactured in India and are readily available and hence ICMR vide letter dated 25th May, 2020 has communicated to States to negotiate and fix mutually agreeable price for RtPCR tests for Covid-19.

2. Hence vide Government resolution dated 2nd June, 2020 a committee was constituted to fix the rate for RtPCR test in the State of Maharashtra for Covid-19 to be done in the private laboratories. The committee discussed the issue with private laboratories and submitted its report to the Government. Based on the report State Government exercising the powers bestowed under the Epidemic Act, 1897 directs that no private laboratory should charge any amount more than indicated below for RtPCR test for Covid-19 in the State of Maharashtra.

Sr No.	Particulars	Rates per test (in Rs.)
1	Pickup of sample from collection site, Transportation and Reporting (including all charges)	2200/-
2	Collection of sample from patient's residence / Health care facility, Transportation & Reporting (including all charges)	2800/-