



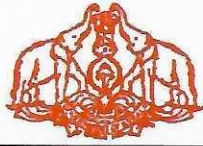
COVID-19 (nCorona) Virus Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell
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**ADDENDUM TO THE COVID-19 REVISED TESTING GUIDELINES NO.31/F2/2020-
H&FWD, DATED 15TH AUGUST 2020.**

NO.31/F2/2020 H&FWD dated 1st DECEMBER 2020

In the background of the recent COVID-19 pandemic trend it is essential that the strategies are fine tuned to address the needs for adequate prevention and control. COVID-19 testing strategy is one such area requiring attention and the following addendum is issued with this regard in reference to the COVID-19 revised testing guidelines No.31/F2/2020 Health- 15th August 2020.

No. [As per COVID-19 revised testing guidelines no.31/F2/2020 Health, dated 15th august 2020]	Category	Description	Type of test
5	Vulnerable persons in Clusters	Vulnerable persons in clusters: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elderly (more than 60yrs)- Antenatal and immediate postnatal- Children with severe malnutrition- Persons with severe comorbidity Symptomatic persons among the vulnerable population in the clusters should be tested directly using RTPCR test	RTPCR (at the beginning of the containment period) RTPCR (as early as possible during the symptomatic period)
17 (new)	Institutionalized Elderly	All elderly persons in old age homes and other institutions providing institutionalized care for the elderly	RTPCR (once every 3 months)



		Symptomatic elderly persons in this group should be tested directly using RTPCR test	RTPCR (as early as possible during the symptomatic period)
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