

SOP for testing COVID-19 samples at DBT-CDFD



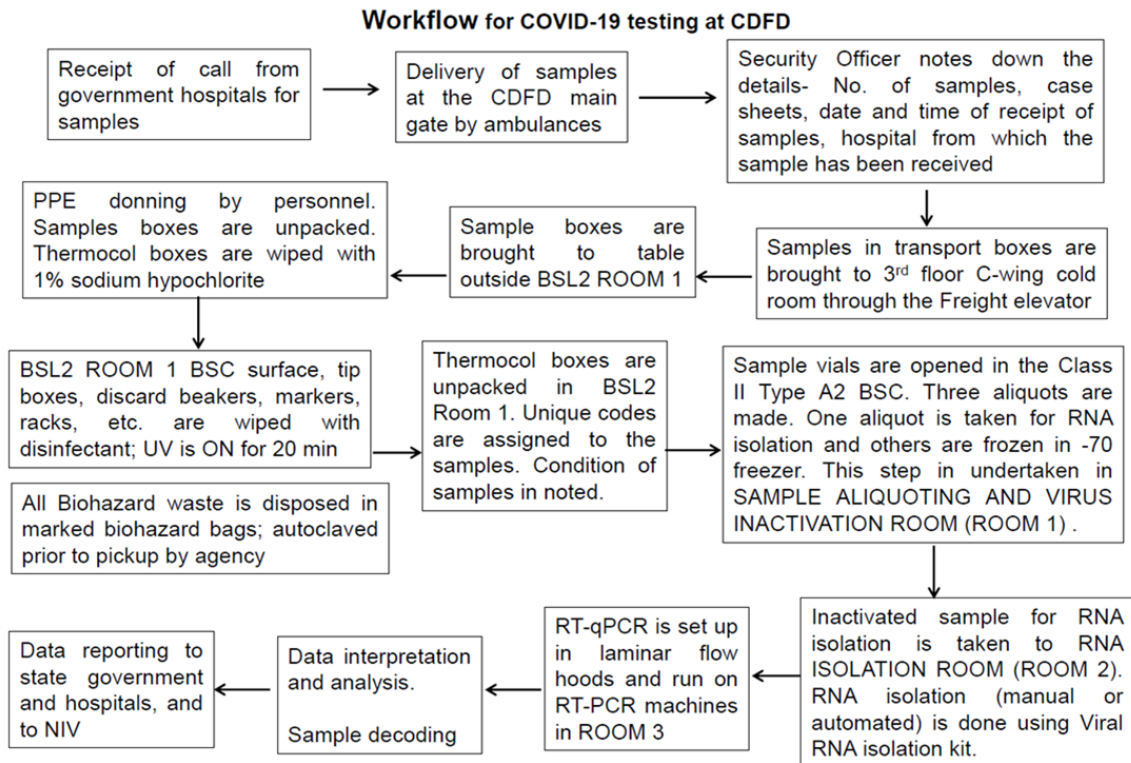
New Delhi, June 15: The Department of Biotechnology's Hyderabad -based Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD) has drawn up a detailed standard operating procedures for the COVID-19 testing facility set up at its campus.

The institute is getting Naso-Pharyngeal swab samples from government hospitals from all the districts across the State of Telangana in south India. The document provides the detailed protocol to be followed to test them for COVID-19.

The Standard operating procedures have been made based on inputs from different recommendations by the World Health Organisation, United State's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the handbook prepared by the office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India for COVID-19 testing in research laboratories.

The document covers all aspects beginning from how the security guard of the Institute must receive the vehicle carrying samples at the entrance to the building to how the samples will be analysed and a report sent to the office of the district medical and health officer of the district from where the specific sample had come. It also gives clear protocol for how the biohazardous waste produced in the process should be handled and disposed of, how to

sanitise the work and how to protect those engaged in the analysis from getting exposed to the virus.



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Workflow for COVID-19 testing at CDFD

