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PUBLIC NOTICE

URGENT ATTENTION

All the Health Care Establishments (HCEs)/Quarantine centres/Isolation wards/Home cares/Sample collection centres/Laboratories and Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facilities (CBWTFs)/Urban Local Bodies & public are requested to follow the specific procedure/guidelines regarding handling, collection, transportation and disposal of biomedical waste generated from COVID-19 affected persons as under:-

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Responsibility of the Health Care Facility

1. Keep separate colour coded bins/bags/containers in wards and maintain proper segregation of waste as per Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 and Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi guidelines dtd. 18.04.2020 for COVID-19 waste. The BMW Rules and CPCB guidelines can be accessed at SPCB website at www.ospcboard.org.
2. As precaution, double layered bags (using two bags, one inserted in others) should be used to ensure adequate strength and no leakage for collection of Bio-Medical waste from COVID-19 patients.
3. Collect and store COVID-19 waste in a designated area separately prior to handing over the same to CBWTF.
4. Bags/containers used for collecting Bio-Medical Waste from COVID-19 wards should be labeled as "COVID-19" waste to identify the waste easily by CBWTF for priority treatment and immediate disposal.
5. Biomedical waste collected in isolation wards can be lifted directly from there by CBWTF collection van.
6. Separate record of Bio-Medical waste generated from COVID-19 isolation ward shall be maintained.
7. The (inner and outer) surface of containers/bins/trolleys used for storage of COVID-19 bio-medical waste should be disinfected with 1% Sodium Hypochlorite Solution on daily basis.
8. Opening or operation of COVID-19 ward and COVID ICU ward in Odisha, should be reported to State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) and respective CBWTF located in the area.

9. Dedicated sanitation workers should be deputed separately for Bio-Medical Waste and General Solid Waste.
10. Persons operating the quarantine camps/centres should call the CBWTF operator to collect, treat and dispose the Bio-Medical Waste as and when it gets generated.
11. Collect used PPEs such as goggles, face-shield, splash proof apron, Plastic Coverall, Hazmet suit, nitrile gloves into Red bag.
12. Collect used masks (including triple layer mask, N95 mask, etc.), head cover/cap, shoe-cover, disposable linen Gown, non-plastic or semi-plastic coverall in Yellow bags.
13. Feces from COVID-19 confirmed patient, who is unable to use toilets and excreta are to be collected in a diaper, must be treated as biomedical waste and should be placed in yellow bag/container.

Responsibility of the Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facilities (CBWTFs)

1. Report to SPCB about receiving of waste from COVID-19 isolation wards/Quarantine Camps/Quarantined homes/COVID-19 Testing Centres;
2. Operator of CBWTF shall ensure regular sanitization of workers involved in handling and collection of biomedical waste;
3. CBWTF shall provide adequate PPEs including three layer masks, splash proof aprons/gowns, nitrile gloves/gum boots and safety goggles to the workers engaged for the purpose.
4. Dedicated vehicle should be used to collect COVID-19 ward Biomedical Waste and such vehicles should be sanitised with Sodium Hypochlorite or any appropriate chemical disinfectant after every trip.
5. COVID-19 waste should be disposed off immediately upon receipt at facility.
6. Operator of CBWTF shall maintain separate record for collection, treatment and disposal of COVID-19 waste.
7. If any worker showing symptoms of illness, to work at the facility, he may be provided with adequate leave while protecting the salary.

Responsibility of Quarantine Centres/Camps

- Collect the Biomedical waste generated if any separately in yellow coloured bags provided by ULBs. Call the CBWTF operator to collect as and when it gets generated or hand over to the authorized waste collectors engaged by Local bodies.

