

## COVID-19 Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell

### **Health & Family Welfare Department**

#### Government of Kerala

# Advisory restricting Visitors to Hospitals caring airline accident patients

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Patients of airline accidents are admitted in various Government and Private hospitals in Kozhikode and Malappuram. Health teams are providing the best possible medical care to all the people admitted there. The state is also facing transmission of COVID-19. Hospitals could be sources of transmission if proper precautions are not taken. It is very essential that the Hospital teams should be having enabling environment and no disturbance to give undivided attention to the patient care. It is essential to protect the admitted patients, hospital staff and citizens from COVID 19. In this context, following advisory is issued.

- 1. Only one relative of the patient preferably healthy person less than 50 years without any co-morbidity will be permitted with a patient admitted.
- 2. No other visitors including relatives, friends, VIPs, political leaders, religious leaders or media shall be allowed in the Government and Private hospital complex to visit the hospital or the patients in the best interst of their health.
- 3. Hospital shall arrange a specially designated place in a well-ventilated area for the one permitted visitor to sit maintaining social distancing. They will be called near the patient by the hospital authorities only if there is a need by taking all preventive precautions.
- 4. Hospital authorities will issue medical bulletin updating the status of every patient three times in a day- at 12 noon, 4 pm and at 8pm. They shall keep a team in charge for attending the tele calls.
- 5. Hospital authorities also shall make arrangements to connect the patient using video calls to close relatives based on the circumstances and clinical condition of the patient.

All citizens are requested to co-operate with the Hospital authorities and the Health Department.

Principal Secretary