

**UT Administration of
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu,
Collectorate (General Section),
Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Silvassa.**

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All close contacts of Covid case tested negative, to remain under quarantine; Covid lab started in the UT of DNH& DD; Containment and micro-containment zones defined to stem any further spread of Covid in DNH

Rigorous contact tracing and extensive testing is the best strategy to ensure maximum effectiveness of targeted containment and isolation measures for combating the Covid 19 pandemic. Accordingly, COVID-19 Testing Lab has been established in Dadra village of Dadra and Nagar Haveli District of Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu. This center has a capacity to test 120 COVID-19 samples per day. It will cater to the UT of DNH and DD. Prior to that, all samples were being sent to Mumbai for testing and it used to take two to three days to get the reports. This Center will reduce the time taken for getting reports and also will help in timely planning and execution of containment strategies while reducing difficulties for the rest of the population of DNH.

Furthermore, one resident of Dadra and Nagar Haveli District was admitted in Mumbai Hospital who later tested positive for COVID-19 on 5th April, 2020. The Administration swung into action and left no stone unturned to ensure that the close contacts of the COVID-19 patient residing in Dadra and Nagar Haveli were traced and their samples were sent for testing of COVID-19. Today, the reports of these close contacts have been received, all of which have been found to be negative. Further, as per the Ministry guidelines, these persons shall remain under quarantine as per the standard health protocol.

Not just that, the Administration has activated the Standard Operating Protocol for Containment of Covid 19 in large areas. Accordingly, Containment Zone with a radius of 3 km and a buffer zone of additional 5 km has been declared around the residence of the index case. In the Containment Zone, all human movement has been reduced to zero except for those on duty in the containment zone. Teams have been deployed for intensive house to house survey of the all 6960 households in the containment zone as well as the 40,000 households in the buffer zone. For ensuring smooth supply of essential goods, home delivery is being done to the households in the containment zone.

Further, the areas around the residences of the close contacts who lived in chawls have been treated as micro-containment zones. There are two such areas which have been identified and steps similar to the ones in Containment Zones have been taken.

Apart from the above steps, in and around the buffer zone, entire areas which are densely populated in and around the urban area are being intensively surveyed by around 200 teams for any flu-like symptoms so that pre-emptive steps can be taken immediately in the event any such case emerges.

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