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Joint Secretary (Admn.)

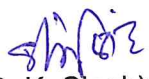
सेवा में / To : सी.एस.आई.आर के सभी राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालों/संस्थाओं/इकाईयों के निदेशक/प्रमुख
The Directors/Heads of all National Labs./Instts./Units of CSIR

विषय/Sub.: Advisory to CSIR Hqrs & Labs./Instts. to mitigate the threat of
Omicron – reg.

महोदया/Madam / महोदय/Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of Advisory/Instructions to all employees of CSIR Hqrs & its national Labs./Instts. to mitigate the threat of Omicron for information, guidance and compliance.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,


(बी. के. सिंह /B. K. Singh)

वरिष्ठ उप सचिव / Sr. Deputy Secretary

संलग्न/Encl. :यथोपरि/As above

प्रतिलिपि/Copy to:

1. Head, IT Division - with the request to make this circular letter available on the website & Policy Repository.
2. Office copy

A review of recently issued bulletins and advisories on the SARS CoV2 Omicron variant indicates need for measures to mitigate the threat of future outbreaks. Thus, apart from vaccines, the importance of masks, ventilation and COVID appropriate behavior must be emphasized across CSIR. The following measures are to be implemented across all labs until withdrawn. All measures listed below are equally applicable to vaccinated or previously infected and recovered employees.

1) All eligible employees and temporary workers must be encouraged to get fully vaccinated, and additional doses to be availed if eligible. Symptoms of fever or respiratory illness, however mild are to be mandatorily reported and affected employees should mandatorily work from home, if health permits, until symptoms resolve. Testing or screening policies of the lab must be followed by all visitors or employees.

2) Mandatory use of well-fitting and properly worn N95/FFP2 masks, without exhalation valves, inside buildings at all times. This includes vaccinated employees.

3) Maximizing fresh air ventilation for buildings, as well as shared vehicles.

3) Holding of in-person conferences, workshops, lectures, meetings, get-togethers, and similar events, is strongly discouraged. Virtual meetings are to be encouraged in place of in-person meetings. If considered necessary, permission must be obtained from Directors of CSIR Labs. and also sent to CSIR HQ for information, clearly indicating the necessity. In general, there must be avoidance of physical gatherings of more than ten people, wherever possible.

4) Where a physical gathering of more than ten people is held, the use of well-fitting and properly worn masks may be strictly observed and any activities that require unmasking, including serving of refreshments, may be restricted to outdoor settings.

5) General observance of all COVID appropriate behavior, as emphasized by the Government, including vaccination, distancing, masking, by all CSIR employees.