

Government of Odisha

Department of Women & Child Development

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From

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Director, ICDS & SW

To

All Collectors

Sub: SOP for Reopening of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) across the state with effect from 28th March,2022.

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that, AWCs across the state were closed since 19.04.2021 due to the prevailing pandemic. During this period, ration, in lieu of Hot Cook Meals (HCMs) and eggs were given to the Anganwadi children of the age group 3-6 years at their doorsteps. Take Home Ration (THR) and eggs for children of the age group 6 months-3 years and pregnant & nursing women, on the other hand, was also delivered at the doorsteps.

2. However, taking the present situation into account, it has been decided to open all AWCs in the state with effect from 28.03.2022 except in those AWCs where district administration decides otherwise depending on the local situation. If COVID cases are detected in future, in any GP, district administration may also close down all the AWCs of that G.P forthwith; ensure isolation and other protocols for the beneficiary so affected under intimation to this office.

3. You are, therefore requested to reopen all such AWCs(as stated in 2 above) in the state and continue operating all Anganwadi services, including Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) in the manner described below:

3.1 The AWCs will be kept open from 7.30 A.M. to 9.30 AM (as per this Department L. No.4023 dated 04.03.2022), 25 days a month. Morning Snacks and HCMs will be served to the preschoolers (3-6 years) in such a way that the sitting arrangement ensures a social distance amongst children.

3.2 However, ration, in lieu of HCMs and eggs will be given to the Anganwadi children at their doorsteps in case of children who are not able to attend AWC due to COVID or some other problem or on closure of AWC. If district administration decides for

closure of any AWC, instruction issued earlier vide letter No.6849 dated 17.04.2021 may be adhered to.

3.3 Resumption of preschool education as per Nua Arunima curriculum to be done at AWCs and outdoor activities to be promoted. However, Ghare Ghare Arunima and kuni calender to continue for parent led ECCE activities at home.

3.4 All other Integrated Child Development Services(ICDS) such as immunization, health checkups, referrals and Nutrition & Health Education (NHED) are to continue.

4. In order to ensure that all these activities are taken up, in adherence to Covid-19 protocols, the following mechanisms must be put in place:

i. Anganwadi premises must be kept clean and properly disinfected & sanitized prior to reopening. The assistance of the H & FW and PR & DW authorities may be availed for the purpose.

ii. Handwash facility must be at the entrance with soaps, water and sanitizers. Any one entering AWC must sanitize hands before entering the center. Children must be motivated to wash hands for 20 seconds singing 'Aji Mo Janama Dina' in order to keep them enthused in the process.

iii. Doors and windows of the AWC must be kept open for proper air circulation.

iv. Frequently touched surfaces and sitting & cooking areas must be cleaned and disinfected at regular interval.

v. Anganwadi Workers (AWWs)/ Helpers(AWHs), children and everyone who is visiting AWC must wear face masks and maintain social distance for the entire period of stay in AWCs.

vi. Entry of outsiders into AWCs must be restricted. AWW, AWH, Parents, mothers, adolescent girls or Anganwadi children, with ILI and SARI like symptoms, must be requested to not to visit AWC. Persons above 65 years of age must also be requested not to visit AWCs.

vii. Pregnant and nursing women to come to the AWCs for availing ICDS services. Weekly dose of IFA supplementation and ADVIKA activities for out of school Adolescent girls (10-19 years) and to be done during *Kishori Diwas* every Saturday at the AWCs. Activities regarding *sakhi saheli* shall continue.

viii. Social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained at all time particularly while having sitting arrangement of children, taking up activities with them, serving food and holding other ICDS activities.

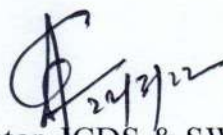
ix. Food hygiene protocols must be strictly adhered to while cooking & serving meals.

x. All AWWs/AWHs should have been fully vaccinated before attending the AWCs. If anyone is not vaccinated, steps should be taken to vaccinate them immediately. In case of willful failure to avail the vaccine, action as deemed proper will be initiated against them.

xi. Messages on prevention of Covid-19 should be displayed at all AWCs.

These instructions may please be circulated to all the ICDS functionaries for scrupulous adherence. Feedback on the status of implementation may also be shared with the Department.

Yours faithfully,


Director, ICDS & SW

Memo No. 5273 /WCD, Dt. 23-03-2022

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Additional Secretary to Govt.

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Additional Secretary to Govt.

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Additional Secretary to Govt.

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Copy forwarded to all DSWOs/CDPOs/Supervisors for information & necessary action. They are requested to scrupulously adhere to the above instructions and remain accountable for successful reopening of AWCs under their jurisdiction.

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Additional Secretary to Govt.