

AIIMS Bibinagar, Telangana starts Rapid Antigen Testing For COVID-19

In view of the prevailing COVID-19 Pandemic, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bibinagar has started testing for COVID-19 by the Rapid Antigen Testing method in the hospital from 15th September 2020. Antigen testing offers a more economical and faster method of diagnosing COVID-19, with good sensitivity and very good specificity. Maximum duration for interpreting a positive or negative test is 30 minutes. Beneficiaries include people who come in contact with COVID positive cases, family members of COVID positive patient, patients with co-morbidities and presenting with symptoms.

The Executive Director, Dr. Vikas Bhatia said that Department of Microbiology in collaboration with Telangana State Government has made all necessary arrangements with designated sample collection room and testing area. He also said that a maximum of 50 tests per day will be done, which will be increased in future, if required.

Patients can avail this COVID testing facility from Monday to Saturday, between 10:00AM to 1:00PM. They will have to register their names one day in advance through the helpline number (from 10 am to 4 pm), and should get their Aadhaar card along with them during the time of testing.

Helpline number for registration: 08685295050. Any other queries in relation to COVID-19 testing and advise also can be clarified by calling to this number.

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