



**PUNJAB EDUCATION INITIATIVES  
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

PEIMA/PSSP/ 4780  
Dated: 13.05.2022

To,

All the Licensees,  
PSSP Schools,  
Punjab.

Subject:

**GUIDELINES / PREPAREDNESS TO PREVENT AND CONTROL FOOD / WATER BORN  
DISEASE (GASTROENTERITIS, ACUTE WATERY DIARRHEA (AWD) AND CHOLERA  
OUTBREAKS.**

I am directed to refer to Letter No. SO(EP&C)6- 5/2022 dated 13-05-2022, received from Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department, Govt. of the Punjab, containing guidelines / measures to be taken to avoid rise cases of food and water born diseases especially gastroenteritis, acute watery diarrhea etc (copy attached).

2. Keeping in view the present alarming situation, you are directed to follow the guidelines as issued by the Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department and awareness be given to students during daily class lectures so as to avoid surge in cases and control any outbreak. Action taken in this regard, may be communicated to this office for information of the Competent Authority.

**THIS MAY BE ACCORDED TOP PRIORITY.**

Deputy Director (Program)

CC:

- PSO to Secretary School Education.
- PSO to Special Secretary, School Education Department.
- PS to Chief Executive Officer, PEIMA.
- The Section Officer (EP&C), Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department, Lahore w.r.t. his above-referred letter.

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Primary & Secondary  
Healthcare Department

No.SO(EP&C)6-5/2022  
Government of the Punjab  
Dated Lahore, the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

To

1. All Chief Executive Officers  
District Health Authorities, Punjab.
2. All Medical Superintendents  
Teaching Hospitals of Punjab.
3. All Medical Superintendents  
THQ & DHQ (Non-Teaching) Hospitals, Punjab.

Subject:

**GUIDELINES /PREPAREDNESS to prevent and control Food/Water Born Disease (GASTROENTERITIS, ACUTE WATERY DIARRHEA (AWD) and Cholera OUTBREAKS.**

The current climatic is very conducive for rapid growth and quick transmission of the microorganisms through water and food stuff. There is perceived risk to rise cases of food and water born disease especially gastroenteritis, acute watery diarrhea, cholera etc. There is essential requirement to implement preventive, protective measures to avoid surge in cases and control any outbreak . In this connection following measures are required to be implemented in letter and spirit:

- Activate District Disease Surveillance and Response Units to develop and implement comprehensive district response plan by engaging line department, civil society and media.
- Nominate Focal Person with contact number.
- Coordination with line Departments (District Food Authorities, TMAs, WASA, Solid Waste Management, Public Health Engineering Department) for provision of safe water supply and sanitation.
- Monitoring of health workers and sampling of water containers from drinking water sources & Ice factories.
- Cleaning & Chlorination of water resources & reservoirs.
- Public awareness regarding safe drinking water, sanitation & personal hygiene.
- Imposition of section 144 for ban on sale of cut fruits, ice balls substandard ice cream & locally prepared uncovered drinks.
- Enhance Surveillance for food borne diseases/ Acute Gastroenteritis & AWD
- Reserve beds in hospitals for management of patients.
- Sufficient arrangements of essential medicines (ORS, IV Drips, Oral & IV antibiotics i.e. Metronidazole, Azithromycin, water purification tablets etc).
- Early Diagnosis, Prompt Case Management & Notifications to CEO (DHAs).
- Epidemiological Investigation in case of outbreak to find the cause & appropriate control measures through the epidemic response teams.
- Daily report to Provincial Health Authorities in case of outbreak.
- Regular monitoring of hotels, restaurants & Food points, street vendors and water reservoirs.
- Monitoring of water supply systems and ensure safe drinking water. In case of contamination, chlorination of water is mandatory.

*Amir Ali*

- Focused health education campaign through active community participation particularly aiming vulnerable populations like urban slums, school children, vendors etc.
- Keep rapid response arrangement in place.
- Timely upload all Gastroenteritis & AWD cases on Disease Surveillance System (DSS).
- Submit daily report on Email:dhscdcpunjab@gmail.com

2. You are further directed to submit certificate regarding availability of sufficient stock of medicines (ORS arrangement for the treatment (ORS, I/V fluids, Branulas. Metronidazole & Azithromycin etc.).

3. This matter may be treated as High Priority

  
SECTION OFFICER (EP&C)

**No. & Date Even:**

A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. Additional Secretary (Staff) to Chief Secretary, Punjab
2. All Deputy Commissioners, Punjab
3. Director General Health Services, Punjab
4. All
5. The Statistical Officer (HISDU) with a request to circulate through e-mail to all concerned.
6. PSO to Secretary, Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department, Punjab
7. PA to Additional Secretary (Technical), P&SH Department.
8. PA to Deputy Secretary (Tech-III), P&SH Department.
9. Master File.

**SECTION OFFICER (EP&C)**



**TOP PRIORITY**

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Dated Lahore the 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

To


All the Chief Executive Officers,  
District Education Authorities,  
In Punjab.

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(Malik Ghulam Fareed)  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (MONITORING)

**CC:**

1. The Managing Director, PEF, Lahore
2. The Chief Executive Officer, PEIMA, Lahore  
They are requested to disseminate directions to their lower formation / Heads of schools under their jurisdiction for strict compliance of the above directions.
3. PSO to Secretary, School Education Department.
4. PSO to Special Secretary, School Education Department.
5. The Section Officer (EP&C), Primary & Secondary Healthcare Department, Lahore w.r.t. his above-referred letter.