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Dated the 4th August, 2020

Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the training of Community Health Officers (CHOs) belonging to January 2020 session and delayed the enrollment of candidates for July 2020 session.

In this context, please refer to letter No. O-11011/3/2017-NHM-II dated 13th July 2020 regarding "Instructions for resuming training of enrolled candidates in the 'Certificate Course in Community Health (CCH)' through IGNOU/State Specific University". As per order issued by MHA for Unlock -2.0, Training Institutions of the Central and State Governments are already allowed to function from 15th July 2020. To review the status of the programme and discuss on conduct of the CCH, MoHFW has held a meeting with IGNOU and the following decisions have been taken.

I. **Decisions taken for the conduct of January 2020 session of CCH:**

Temporary recognition of sites for practical training:

If there are candidates enrolled in January 2020 batch from districts where there are no Program Study Centers (PSCs), the District Hospital (DH) where these candidates reside, will be temporarily recognized as PSCs by IGNOU for undertaking Practical training of January 2020 batch. These DHs will be linked to the existing nearby PSCs of IGNOU and will also be authorized to conduct the practical trainings and practical exams. States are to designate appropriately qualified person as Academic Counselor for such temporary PSCs, who will be responsible for posting and training of candidates at CHC, PHC and SHC. The Teacher:Student ratio of 1:10 is to be maintained.

States are requested to provide the following details as per format attached:

- List of DHs requiring temporary recognition as PSCs for January 2020 session only,
- List of candidates requiring practical trainings at such temporary PSCs with enrollment number & currently associated PSCs' name/Code and
- Bio-data of designated academic counselors as per format attached, for IGNOU to accord temporary recognition of the sites for practical training & exams. (Format is enclosed at Annexure-I)

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Term End Examination:

- a. The Term End Examinations (TEE) for theory courses for the January 2020 session of CCH under IGNOU will be held in 1st week of September 2020 through National Testing Agency (NTA) and mode will be online. The examination question papers will be objective type Questions i.e Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs). Hence, States/UTs (where CCH is running through IGNOU), are requested to do necessary preparations towards conduct of examinations.
- b. Candidates, who are unable to appear in TEE of CCH under IGNOU in September 2020 in view of COVID-19, will be allowed to appear for exams in December 2020 without any additional fees. However, since unlock process has started and many of COVID-19 restrictions have been retracted, States/UTs are requested to ensure the full attendance of candidates in the TEE of September 2020 to avoid any delay in achieving the target towards operationalization of AB-HWCs.

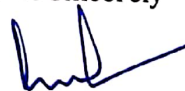
II. Decisions taken for the admission into July/ Second Session, 2020 of CCH:

- a. Timeline of application process for the admission into July 2020 session of CCH through IGNOU will be extended up to 31st August, 2020.
- b. If States/UTs are unable to conduct entrance examinations, candidates may be selected for the July/ Second batch of CCH 2020 on the basis of the marks / merit obtained in the final year qualifying examinations.
- c. States/UTs are requested to share the estimated number of candidates to be enrolled in the July/ Second batch, 2020 of CCH course under IGNOU/State specific university and number of nursing graduates (B.Sc nursing and Post Basic B.Sc nursing) graduating from the integrated nursing curriculum in year 2020 in the attached format.

May I request the States/UTs to provide the information as per annexure on mail ids n.yuvaraj36@ias.nic.in and amitachauhan.mohfw@gmail.com positively by 10th August 2020 to ensure smooth conduct of January and July 2020 session of CCH.

warm regards

Yours Sincerely



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Encl: As mentioned above.

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- Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, New Delhi
- PPS to Secretary (H&FW), MoHFW, GoI
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- Director/DSs of NHM-I, II, III & IV, MoHFW, GoI
- ED NHSRC
- Programme Coordinator-CCH, IGNOU

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Annexure-ITable-A

SN	State/UT	Name of DH site proposed to be PSCs for undertaking practical training & practical exams for January 2020 session of CCH under IGNOU	Name of Program study centre to which the proposed DH site will be assigned/linked	Name, Designation and qualification of Academic counsellors (Please attach the Bio-data of ACs and send to RDs at IGNOU)	Name of Students for those practical training and exams will be conducted in the identified DH site.	Enrolment No.	Name and code of PSC originally the student is attached

Table-B

SN	State/UT	No. of candidates expected to be enrolled in second batch of CCH 2020 under IGNOU/State specific University	No. of nursing graduates (B.Sc nursing and Post Basic B.Sc nursing) graduating from the integrated nursing Course in year 2020