



**COVID-19 Outbreak Control and Prevention State Cell**

**Health & Family Welfare Department**

**Government of Kerala**

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**Amendment to Revised Health Advisory on Sabarimala Pilgrimage in the context of COVID19**

No 31/F2/H&FWD 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020

It has been brought to notice that getting RTPCR, RtLamp, Express Nat test within 24 hours before arrival to Nilakkal may pose problem to the pilgrims and it may be revised to 48 hours to facilitate the COVID 19 testing by the pilgrims.

The following amendment is done in the point 4 in the Revised Health Advisory on Sabarimala Pilgrimage in the context of COVID 19 dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

As the number of positive patients from among the officers on duty are high even though they have been tested before deployment of duty, it has necessitated to ensure that all pilgrims and officials on duty shall under go more sensitive and specific test based on RTPCR technology. Therefore, the modified orders are issued regarding the testing as follows  
- After the *Mandal puja* on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2020, all pilgrims are advised to come with a COVID-19 negative certificate done **48 hours prior** to reaching Nilakkal. Pilgrims may undergo RTPCR / RtLamp/ Express NAT test at cost from NABL accredited ICMR approved Laboratories .

**Principal Secretary**