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Reminder of Rules and Precautions to be Followed in view of the Covid-19 Pandemic

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In view of the resurgence in Covid-19 infections in the state and city, including a few cases in the Institute, all Institute members and families are once again reminded not to relax their guard but to collectively ensure that the Institute and Colonies do not have to go back into the lockdown mode which prevailed during most of the previous year. In this regard, the provisions of the OD dated January 27, 2021 will remain in force, but some of the important points are reiterated below.

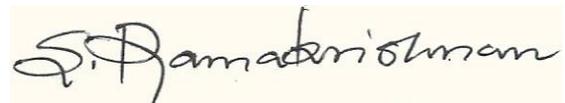
1. All are urged to strictly follow the standard precautions against infection, viz., wearing of face masks in the presence of others (at all times, but *especially* within confined spaces such as offices and laboratories), frequent hand sanitisation and maintenance of social distancing ('do gaz ki doori'). It has been noted that in recent times, many individuals are not following these regulations properly. All are reminded that to be effective, face masks must be worn covering the nose and mouth completely. Spitting on campus is strictly forbidden at all times and may attract penalties.
2. Classroom teaching, examinations, large meetings, seminars/colloquia shall continue to be held in online mode till March 31, 2021. The pandemic situation will be reviewed sometime in March 2021, and the future course of action will be decided accordingly.

Special permissions already granted in despite of the above will stand; however, all those availing of these must exercise utmost caution to ensure the safety of all individuals involved.

3. Employees may be permitted to follow staggered timings to reduce congestion inside office and laboratory spaces, as decided by the Section Heads and/or PIs. The latter should take particular care to see that persons with co-morbidities are not unduly endangered.

4. While no new rules for quarantine are being imposed, any resident coming in from badly-affected areas in the city or elsewhere is advised to self-isolate for a period of 6-7 days and get a negative RT-PCR test result before resuming normal activity. Section Heads are requested to facilitate this.
5. Anyone returning from abroad, or who has been in 'high risk' contact with a Covid-19 positive patient will have to remain in quarantine for 14 days, as per Government of Maharashtra regulations. However, if the individual undergoes an RT-PCR test on the 6th day and the result is negative, the remaining part of the quarantine may be waived, provided he/she has not been in close/prolonged contact with a Covid-positive person during the quarantine period.
6. The Visitors' programme will continue to remain suspended till March 31, 2021. Accordingly, the Guest House will not accept bookings till further notice.
7. Residents are requested, for some time, NOT to go out of the colonies unless it is really necessary. Social engagements, especially those involving individuals from other parts of the city, should be postponed if possible. Similarly vacations which can be delayed should be postponed. These will not be monitored, but the Institute will trust to the good sense of the entire community in this regard.

I rely on your collective responsibility and cooperation to ensure that TIFR emerges through what will hopefully be the last stages of the pandemic with the same good fortune as we have had in the earlier stages.



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