

**INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH**

Advisory for sample collection sites:

ICMR has no objection on adoption of establishing convenient sample collection sites (drive through centers for sample collection etc.) by the respective State Governments.

However, the following advice is provided by ICMR:

- The sample collection should be done using the recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- These sites should be disinfected regularly as per recommended procedures.
- All recommended biosafety and biosecurity precautions should be implemented.
- Sample transport to the nearest COVID-19 testing laboratory should be ensured under proper cold-chain conditions and with triple layered packing.