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**PREETI SUDAN, IAS**  
Secretary

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Dear Colleague,

"District level facility based surveillance for Covid-19" guidelines have been uploaded on the website (<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/DistrictlevelFacilitybasedsurveillanceforCOVID19.pdf>) of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India, on 11.5.2020. These guidelines make a provision for one-time pool sample of 25 to be taken and tested only for surveillance purposes.

We have received numerous queries in this regard. It is being clarified that the provision of pooled sample of 25 may be resorted to for surveillance of returnees, both migrant labour and from abroad. This may also be used for surveillance in Green Zones.

We sincerely hope and believe that under your proactive leadership, the State Health Department would be able to implement District level facility based surveillance for Covid-19 as well as pooled sampling of 25 in aforementioned instances.

*Preeti Sudan*  
Yours sincerely,

*P.S. 11/5/20*  
(Preeti Sudan)

Chief Secretary of States/UTs

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