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Government of India  
Department of Health and Family Welfare  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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Dear Colleague,

As you are aware Government of India has extended the national level lockdown till 3<sup>rd</sup> May to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country. This period should be utilized effectively and there should be concerted effort for implementing containment measures in a focused manner.

As of now, based on reported cases, the districts can be classified as: Hotspots, Non-Hotspots districts reporting cases and districts which have not reported positive cases.

The criteria for classification of hotspots is listed at Annexure-I. With respect to these hotspots, the districts which need implementation of outbreak containment plan are at Annexure-II, and the districts where clusters of cases are noted are at Annexure-III. States also need to identify hotspots based on doubling rate of confirmed cases. This exercise of identification of hotspots has to be done on a weekly basis (every Monday) or earlier. Strict containment measures need to be implemented in these hotspots.

Further, for Non-Hotspots Districts Reporting cases (as in Annexure-IV) states need to ensure that containment measures are taken so as to ensure that case in these areas can be contained. States also need to undertake effective surveillance of SARI and ILI cases in districts not having any confirmed cases so far besides ensuring dedicated COVID hospitals.

The containment strategies are already available at MOHFW website <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/3ContainmentPlanforLargeOutbreaksofCOVID19Final.pdf> and <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Containmentplan02042020.pdf> . The Micro Plan for containing Local Transmission of COVID-19 is available at <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/ModelMicroplanforcontainmentoflocaltransmissionofCOVID19.pdf>

Containment operation would be deemed over when there is no case reported in 28 days from an area after last case tests negative. Hotspots (designated red zones) will be assumed to be undertaking effective containment activities, if no case is reported in next 14 days (designated orange zones) and will be deemed successful in containment, if no case is reported for 28 days (designated green zones).

It is requested that states should utilize the extended lockdown period to the maximum extent to convert the hotspots (red) to orange and in turn green zones.

*best regards*  
Yours sincerely,

*pd*  
(Preeti Sudan)

To,  
Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs  
*cc to Pt. Secy. (H)*  
Encl.: as above

## Annexure I

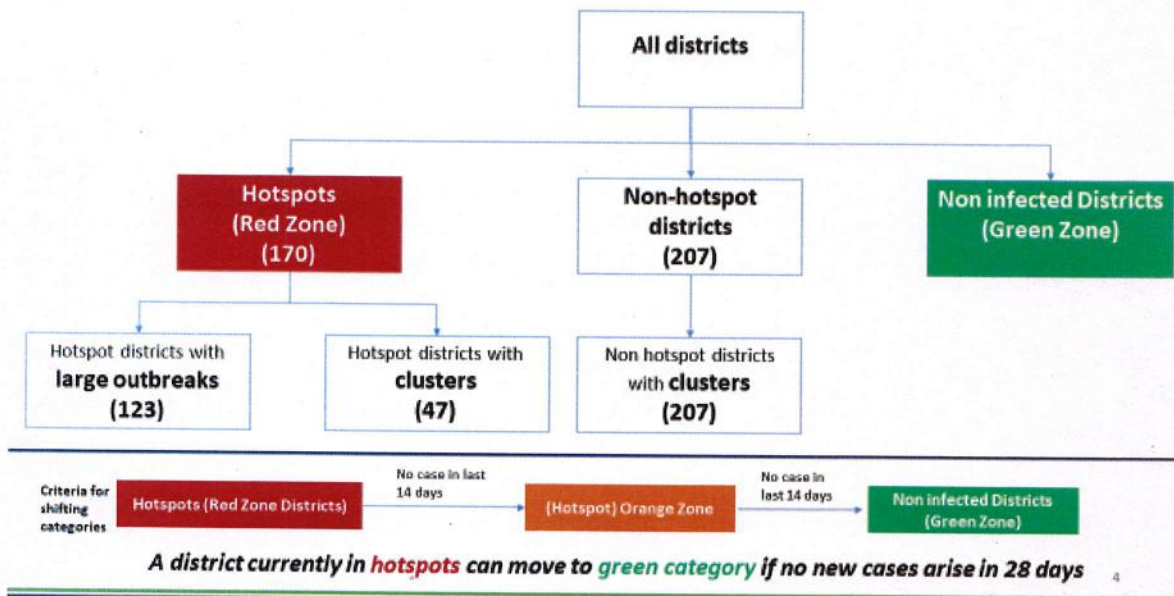
'Hotspot (Red zone) classification'– to focus attention on districts/cities reporting large number of cases/high growth rate.

Inclusion Criteria -

- Highest case load districts contributing to more than 80% of cases in India or
- Highest case load districts contributing to more than 80% of cases for each state in India or
- Districts with doubling rate less than 4 days (calculated every Monday for last 7 days, to be determined by the state government)

Subject to the following exclusion criteria

- No new confirmed cases for last 28 days (Green zone)



**List of hotspot districts with large outbreaks**

State	District
Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool
	Guntur
	Spsr Nellore
	Prakasam
	Krishna
	Y.S.R.
	West Godavari
	Chittoor
	Visakhapatanam
	East Godavari
Anantapur	
Bihar	Siwan
Chandigarh	Chandigarh
Chhattisgarh	Korba
Delhi	South
	South East
	Shahdara
	West
	North
	Central
	New Delhi
	East
South West	

State	District
Gujarat	Ahmadabad
	Vadodara
	Surat
	Bhavnagar
	Rajkot
Haryana	Nuh
	Gurugram
	Palwal
	Faridabad
Jammu And Kashmir	Srinagar
	Bandipora
	Baramulla
	Jammu
	Udhampur
	Kupwara
Karnataka	Bengaluru Urban
	Mysuru
	Belagavi
Kerala	Kasaragod
	Kannur
	Ernakulam
	Malappuram
	Thiruvananthapuram
	Pathanamthitta

State	District
Madhya Pradesh	Indore
	Bhopal
	Khargone
	Ujjain
	Hoshangabad
Maharashtra	Mumbai
	Pune
	Thane
	Nagpur
	Sangli
	Ahmednagar
	Yavatmal
	Aurangabad
	Buldhana
	Mumbai Suburban
	Nashik
Odisha	Khordha
Punjab	S.A.S Nagar
	Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar
	Jalandhar
	Pathankot

State	District
Rajasthan	Jaipur
	Tonk
	Jodhpur
	Banswara
	Kota
	Jhunjhunu
	Jaisalmer
	Bhilwara
	Bikaner
	Jhalawar
	Bharatpur
Tamil Nadu	Chennai
	Tiruchirappalli
	Coimbatore
	Tirunelveli
	Erode
	Vellore
	Dindigul
	Villupuram
	Tiruppur
	Theni
	Namakkal
Chengalpattu	

State	District
Tamil Nadu	Madurai
	Tuticorin
	Karur
	Virudhunagar
	Kanniyakumari
	Cuddalore
	Thiruvallur
	Thiruvarur
	Salem
	Nagapattinam
Telangana	Hyderabad
	Nizamabad
	Warangal Urban
	Ranga Reddy
	JogulambaGadwal
	MedchalMalkajgiri
	Karimnagar
	Nirmal
Uttar Pradesh	Agra
	Gautam Buddha Nagar
	Meerut
	Lucknow
	Ghaziabad
	Saharanpur



State	District
Uttar Pradesh	Shamli
	Firozabad
	Moradabad
Uttarakhand	Dehradun
West Bengal	Kolkata
	Howrah
	Medinipur East
	24 Paraganas North

**List of hotspot districts with clusters**

State	District
Andaman And Nicobar Islands	South Andamans
Assam	Golaghat
	Marigaon
	Nalbari
	Goalpara
	Dhubri
Bihar	Munger
	Begusarai
	Gaya
Chhattisgarh	Raipur
Delhi	North West
Gujarat	Patan
Haryana	Ambala
	Karnal
Himachal Pradesh	Solan
	Una
	Sirmaur
	Chamba
	Kangra
Jammu And Kashmir	Shopian
	Rajouri
Jharkhand	Ranchi
	Bokaro
Karnataka	Dakshina Kannada

State	District
Karnataka	Bidar
	Kalaburagi
	Bagalkote
	Dharwad
Kerala	Wayanad
Ladakh	Kargil
Madhya Pradesh	Morena
Maharashtra	Kolhapur
	Amravati
	Palghar
Odisha	Bhadrak
Punjab	Mansa
	Amritsar
	Ludhiana
	Moga
Rajasthan	Udaipur
Telangana	Nalgonda
Uttar Pradesh	Bulandshahr
	Sitapur
	Basti
	Baghpat
Uttarakhand	Nainital
	Udam Singh Nagar

**Non-Hotspots Districts reporting cases**

State Name	District Name
Arunachal Pradesh	Lohit
Assam	Cachar
	Hailakandi
	Kamrup
	Kamrup Metro
	Lakhimpur
	South SalmaraMancachar
	Karimganj
Bihar	Gopalganj
	Nawada
	Bhagalpur
	Saran
	Lakhisarai
	Nalanda
	Patna
Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur
	Durg
	Rajnandgaon
Delhi	North East
Goa	North Goa
	South Goa
Gujarat	Gandhinagar
	Bharuch
	Anand

	Kachchh
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State Name	District Name
Gujarat	Porbandar
	Chhotaudepur
	Mahesana
	GirSomnath
	Dohad
	Jamnagar
	Morbi
	PanchMahals
	SabarKantha
	BanasKantha
Haryana	Panchkula
	Panipat
	Sirsa
	Sonipat
	Bhiwani
	Kaithal
	CharkiDadri
	Fatehabad
	Hisar
	Jind
	Rohtak
Kurukshetra	
Jammu And Kashmir	Budgam
	Kulgam

	Pulwama
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State	District
Jammu And Kashmir	Ganderbal
	Samba
Jharkhand	Hazaribagh
	Koderma
	Giridih
Karnataka	Ballari
	Mandya
	Bengaluru Rural
	Davangere
	Udupi
	Gadag
	Tumakuru
	Kodagu
	Vijayapura
	Chikkaballapura
Uttara Kannada	
Kerala	Thrissur
	Kollam
	Idukki
	Palakkad
	Kottayam
	Alappuzha
Ladakh	LehLadakh

Madhya Pradesh	Barwani
	Vidisha

State	District
Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur
	East Nimar
	Dewas
	Chhindwara
	Gwalior
	Shivpuri
	Betul
	Dhar
	Raisen
	Sagar
	Shajapur
	Mandsaur
	Ratlam
	Satna
Sheopur	
Maharashtra	Akola
	Latur
	Satara
	Ratnagiri
	Osmanabad
	Jalgaon
	Sindhudurg

	Raigad
	Beed
	Hingoli

State	Districts
Maharashtra	Jalna
	Washim
	Gondia
	Dhule
	Solapur
Meghalaya	East Khasi Hills
Mizoram	Aizawl
Odisha	Cuttack
	Dhenkanal
	Jajapur
	Kalahandi
	Kendrapara
	Puri
	Sundargarh
Puducherry	Pondicherry
	Mahe
Punjab	Hoshiarpur
	Rupnagar
	Barnala
	Faridkot
	Fatehgarh Sahib



	Sangrur
	Kapurthala
	Patiala
	Sri Muktsar Sahib

State	Districts
Rajasthan	Churu
	Dausa
	Alwar
	Dungarpur
	Ajmer
	Karauli
	Pali
	Pratapgarh
	Barmer
	Dholpur
	Nagaur
	Sikar
	Hanumangarh
Tamil Nadu	Thanjavur
	Tiruvannamalai
	Kanchipuram
	Sivaganga
	The Nilgiris
	Kallakurichi
	Ramanathapuram

	Perambalur
	Ariyalur
Telangana	Suryapet
	Adilabad
	Mahabubnagar

State	District
Telangana	Kamareddy
	Vikarabad
	Sangareddy
	Medak
	Khammam
	BhadradriKothagudem
	Jagitial
	Jangoan
	JayashankarBhupalapally
	KumuramBheemAsifabad
	Mulugu
	Peddapalli
	Nagarkurnool
	Mahabubabad
	RajannaSircilla
Siddipet	
Tripura	Gomati
	North Tripura
Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur Nagar

	Varanasi
	Amroha
	Hapur
	Maharajganj
	Pratapgarh
	Rampur

State	District
Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
	Ghazipur
	Azamgarh
	Hathras
	Muzaffarnagar
	Jaunpur
	Kheri
	Auraiya
	Banda
	Budaun
	Hardoi
	Kaushambi
	Mathura
	Mirzapur
	Rae Bareli
	Pilibhit
	Barabanki
Bijnor	

	Prayagraj
	Shahjahanpur
	Etawah
Uttarakhand	Haridwar
	Almora
	PauriGarhwal
West Bengal	Kalimpong

State	District
West Bengal	Jalpaiguri
	Hooghly
	Nadia
	PaschimBardhaman
	Medinipur West
	24 Paraganas South
	Darjeeling