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Government of Punjab

PUNJAB COVID-19 RESPONSE

Initiatives and Policy Measures

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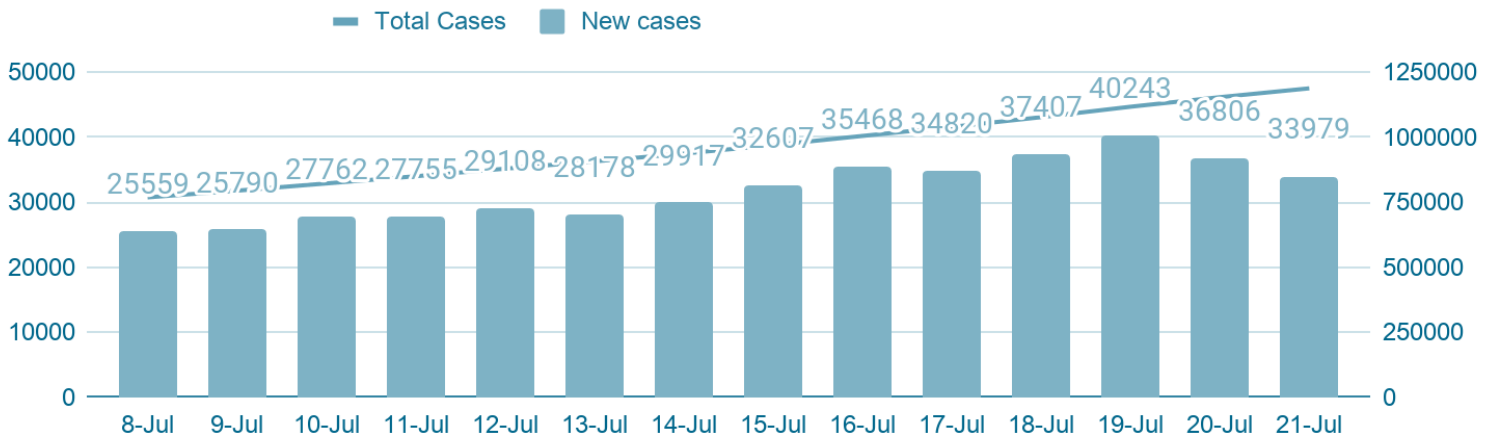
COVID19 Case Load

India COVID19 Status

	World	India	Punjab
Total Cases	14,930,743	1,188,892	**10,889**
New Cases	*177,255*	*35,654*	***381***
Total Death	615,115	28,743	**263**
New Death	*4,247*	*593*	***2***
% Case Fatality	*4%*	*2%*	***2%***
Total Recovered	8,967,067	748,373	**7,389**
% Recovery	*60%*	*63%*	***68%***
Active Cases	5,348,561	411,776	**3,237**
% Active	*36%*	*35%*	***30%***
# Cases per Mn pop	1,866	660	**363**
# Deaths per Mn pop	76.9	16.0	**8.8**

India Caseload Trend



State level COVID19 Status

State	Total	Cured	Death	Active	Recovery Rate	Case Fatality Rate
Maharashtra	326,729	182,217	12,276	132,236	56%	4%
Tamil Nadu	180,643	126,670	2,626	51,347	70%	1%
Delhi	125,096	106,118	3,690	15,288	85%	3%
Karnataka	71,065	25,460	1,469	44,136	36%	2%
Andhra Pradesh	58,668	25,574	758	32,336	44%	1%
Uttar Pradesh	53,288	31,855	1,229	20,204	60%	2%
Gujarat	50,465	36,504	2,200	11,761	72%	4%
West Bengal	47,030	28,035	1,182	17,813	60%	3%
Telangana	46,274	34,323	422	11,529	74%	1%
Rajasthan	30,741	22,299	574	7,868	73%	2%
Bihar	28,563	18,741	198	9,624	66%	1%
Haryana	27,462	20,952	364	6,146	76%	1%
Assam	25,090	17,096	69	7,925	68%	0%
Madhya Pradesh	24,095	16,257	756	7,082	67%	3%
Odisha	18,757	13,310	133	5,314	71%	1%
Jammu and Kashmir	14,650	8,274	254	6,122	56%	2%
Kerala	13,991	5,890	45	8,056	42%	0%
Punjab	**10,889**	**7,389**	**263**	**3,237**	**68%**	**2.4%**
Other	46,285	28,798	498	16,989	62%	1%
Total India	**1,188,892**	**748,373**	**28,743**	**411,776**	**63%**	**2.4%**

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Punjab was the **first State in the Country** to **impose a curfew**, even before the National Lockdown. Since then, the State Government has taken several measures to manage the pandemic and its implications.

Punjab has set up a State COVID-19 Management Group to review the situation and send their report to the Chief Minister. 13 Committees have been set up to report to the group:

1	Health Sector Response and Procurement Committee
2	Lockdown Instructions and Implementation Committee
3	Media and Communication Committee
4	Agriculture and Food Committee

5	Relief for Migrant Workers Committee
6	Goods Transport Committee
7	COVID Care Centre Committee
8	Committee on Augmenting Human Resources and Capacity Building
9	Committee on upgradation of Health Sector Infrastructure
10	Tele-Counselling Services Committee
11	Food Grain Procurement Management Committee
12	Expenditure Appraisal Committee
13	Data Analysis Group

SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS

1. Punjab among the **first few states in India** to **approve Plasma treatment** for critical COVID-19 patients in hospitals. The **first Plasma Bank inaugurated on 21 July 2020 at Rajindra Hospital, Patiala**.

2. **Rapid Antigen Testing** started for early detection and management of COVID-19 infections.
Districts identified for Pilot are Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Mohali and Patiala

3. **Treatment Rates for Private Hospitals and Medical Colleges** has been finalized by a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. K.K. Talwar.

4. **Community Ownership Model** as a means for the community is being actively involved in the State's response against the pandemic. Local NGOs in the districts are being engaged for the purpose.

5. Government of Punjab constituted a **Group of Experts** led by **Sh. Montek Singh Ahluwalia** to develop a medium-term and longer-term **Post COVID Economic Strategy for the State**.

SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS

6. On 12 June, Punjab has announced a stricter lockdown on weekends and public holidays to keep the COVID-19 count in check.

7. Government of Punjab constituted a **Task Force** for **Strategy on easing restrictions imposed due to Lockdown**

8. Punjab Government has spent **more than ₹29 Cr** to fund movement of migrants to their states till now

COVID-19 Public Health Strategy in Punjab

5 PILLARS

1. Political & Administrative Commitment
2. Preparedness
3. Surveillance (Trace-Test-Treat Principle)
4. Capacity Building
5. Intersectoral Coordination

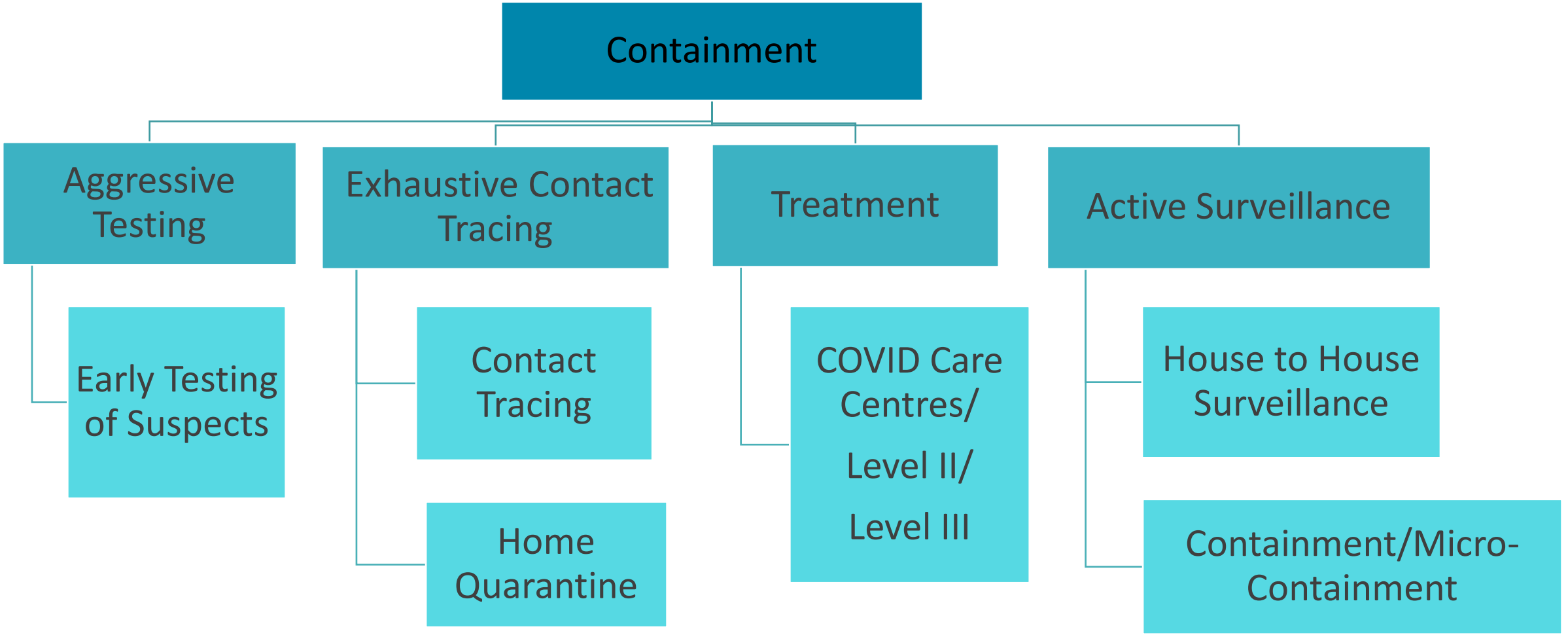
REGULAR SURVEILLANCE FOR EARLY DETECTION

1. Surveillance of ILI (Influenza Like Illness)
2. Surveillance in Large Outbreaks
3. Surveillance in Cluster Areas

IEC ACTIVITIES

A State Public Health Advisory Group under the Chairpersonship of Dr K. K. Talwar constituted with the State Epidemiologist as the Convener.

Containment Strategy



MISSION FATEH

Mission Fateh is the effort of the people of Punjab to defeat the pandemic in the face of overwhelming odds. It is a Mission of the people, by the people and for the people.

During the 1-month long campaign, Punjab will create mass awareness about –

- **Wearing masks**
- **Washing hands**
- **Maintaining social distancing**
- **Taking care of the elderly**
- **Remaining vigilant about entry of outsiders in the locality**
- **Use of COVA App to track patients of the virus and maintaining a safe distance from them**
- **Importance of Home Quarantine**
- **Symptoms of the flu and action thereafter**
- **Restrictions during Lockdown 5.0 and penalties/fines in case of violations**
- **Community mobilization to jointly fight against the pandemic**
- **Emphasizing that the threat of the virus has not diminished, rather it has become more menacing**

Committees

For the success of the Mission, the following committees shall be constituted - Campaign Committee, Implementation Committee, and District Level Implementation Committee.

Activities

As part of the communication campaign, the following methods/platforms will be used such as Hoardings, Campaign Song, IVRS and SMS, Radio, CORONA Warriors, Mission Fateh Warriors, COVA App, TV and Newspapers, and Ground Activities with the help of Sarpanches, Teachers and ASHA/Anganwadi workers.

Success Indicators

The campaign is mainly dependent upon the response of the people some success indicators of the campaign after week 4 should be as under –

1. Increase in COVA App download by 20%
2. Identification of 1,00,000 CORONA Warriors and uploading of their data on the App.
3. Identification of 1,000 Mission Fateh warriors and their recognition on the App

Regular Surveillance

Punjab has initiated **surveillance for ILI (Influenza like illness)** in the community to identify any person having flu like symptoms at the earliest

Regular Surveillance for early detection is supervised by **Rapid Response Teams (RRTs).** Tracking and screening of high suspect cases is being done

Approximately **58,603 persons under surveillance in 68 areas which have shown clusters** (2 or >2 & less than 15 cases) also screened by RRTs and samples of suspected cases are being taken.

Survey in Large Outbreak Areas: 7 areas in the State with >15 cases have been declared as large outbreak areas.

House to House Survey was launched by the CM on 11th June – ASHA, Anganwadi workers and volunteers to carry out data collection on a mobile app.

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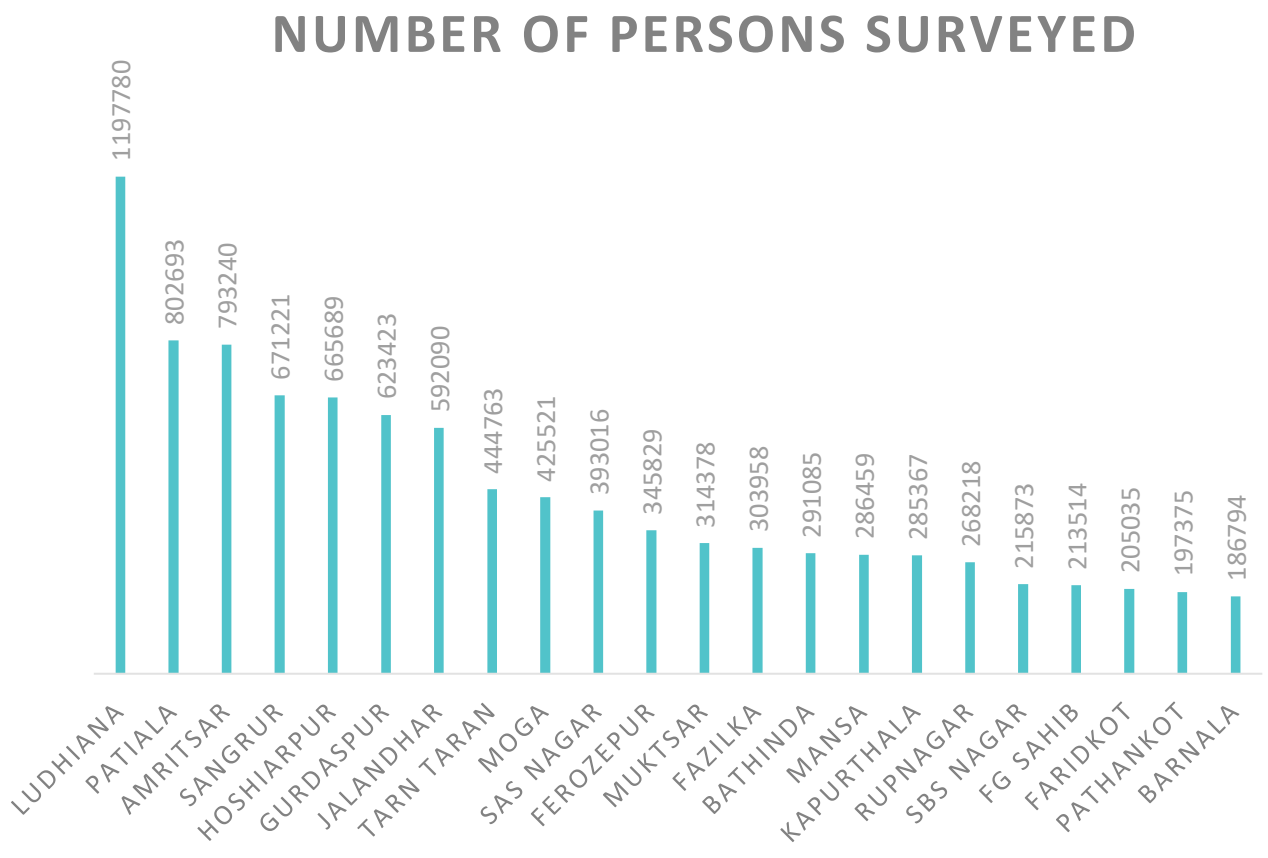
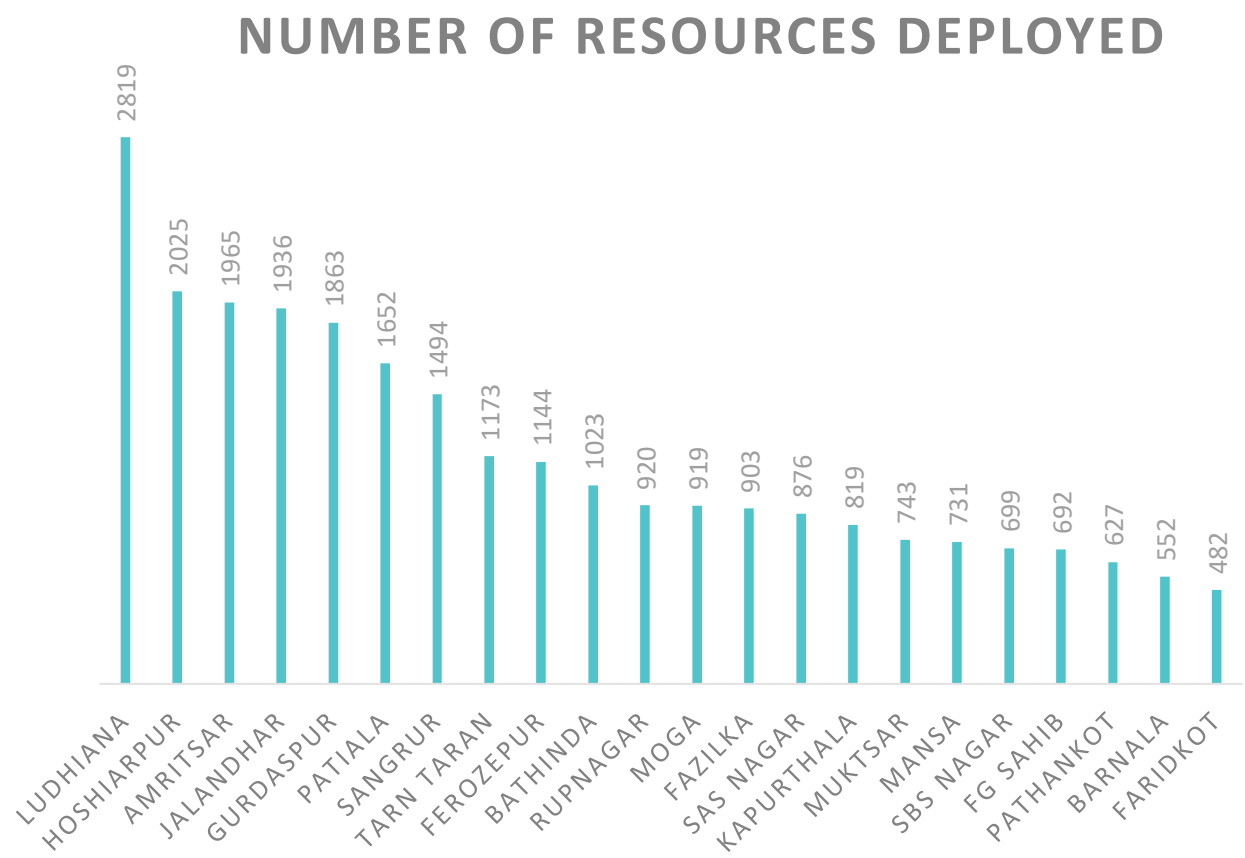
House to House Surveys





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Micro Containment Zones

Any specific area within a ward/village with population up to 500 which has **5 to 15 COVID positive cases** is designated as a Micro Containment Zone

Minimum period of Micro Containment is **10 days.** This Period can be extended one week at a time if a new case is found in last 5 days.

District RRTs to undertake mapping of cases and contacts along with active surveillance by ASHA workers/Community Volunteers

Perimeter Control to ensure no unchecked outward movement of pupulation from micro-containment zones and to check influx of population into the zones

Currently, there are **47 Micro Containment Zones across 13 districts** in Punjab.

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Testing Facilities - RT PCR

5 Government Facilities

- GMC Amritsar (Capacity - 2000)
- GMC Patiala (Capacity - 2000)
- BFUHS Faridkot (Capacity - 2000)
- GADVASU, Ludhiana (Capacity - 250)
- RDDL, Jalandhar(Capacity - 250)
- Forensic Science Lab, Mohali(Capacity - 250)
- Punjab Biotech Incubator, Mohali(Capacity - 250)
- PGI Chandigarh (Capacity - 60)
- IMTech Chandigarh (Capacity - 100)

26 Private Facilities approved by ICMR for testing in Punjab.

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GMC Amritsar and GMC Patiala got **approved in March 2020** for RT-PCR COVID19 testing with a **capacity of 40 tests/day**. The **current capacity of Punjab Govt. Facilities is 9000/day.**

From 4 tests per million population on March 16th to **14,881 tests per million population on July 18th** while the current **Indian average is 10,239 tests per million population.**

COVID-19 Treatment Facilities

LEVEL 1

COVID CARE CENTRES

- Asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic cases
- **28,167 beds mapped** across districts. **11,522 beds in the state of readiness.**
- **5470 beds operationalized.**

LEVEL 2

COVID HEALTH CENTRES

- Mild to moderately symptomatic cases
- **4944 beds** in **Government facilities**

LEVEL 3

COVID HOSPITALS

- Severely symptomatic and Critical Care patients
- At present, there are **273 level 3 beds in Govt facilities**

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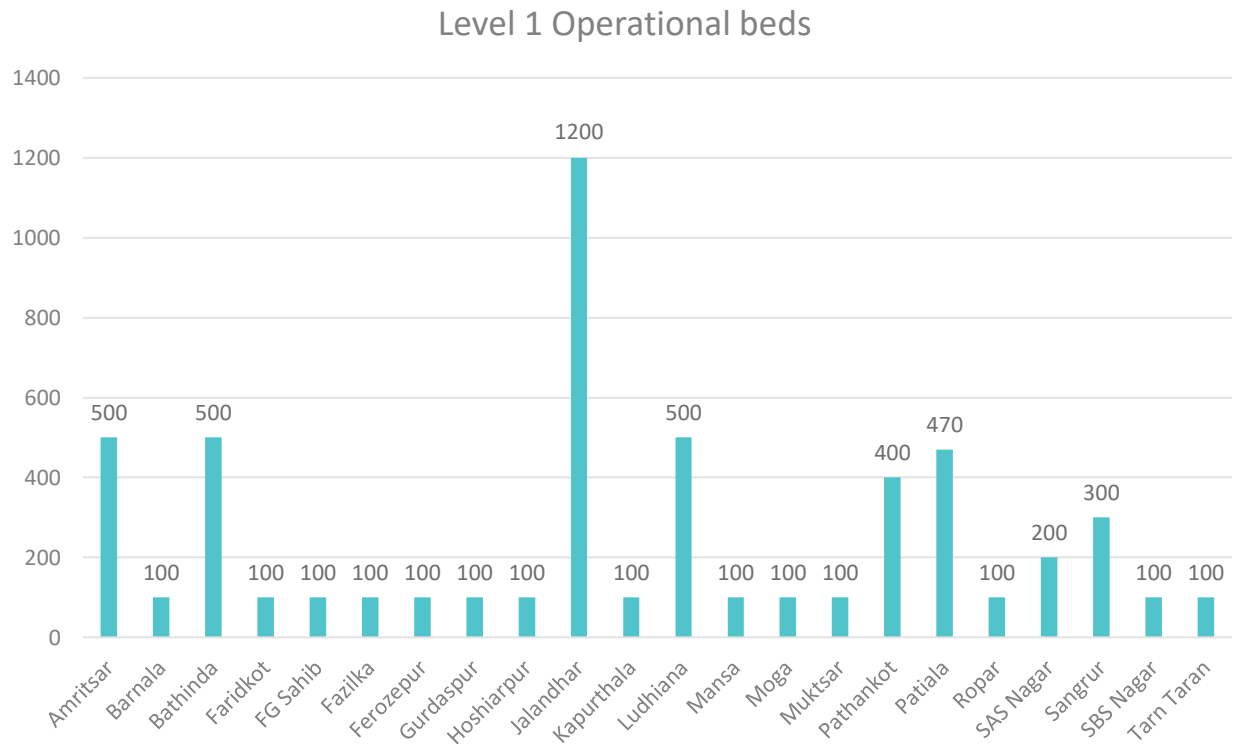
COVID Care Centres

5470 Beds operationalized in CCCs



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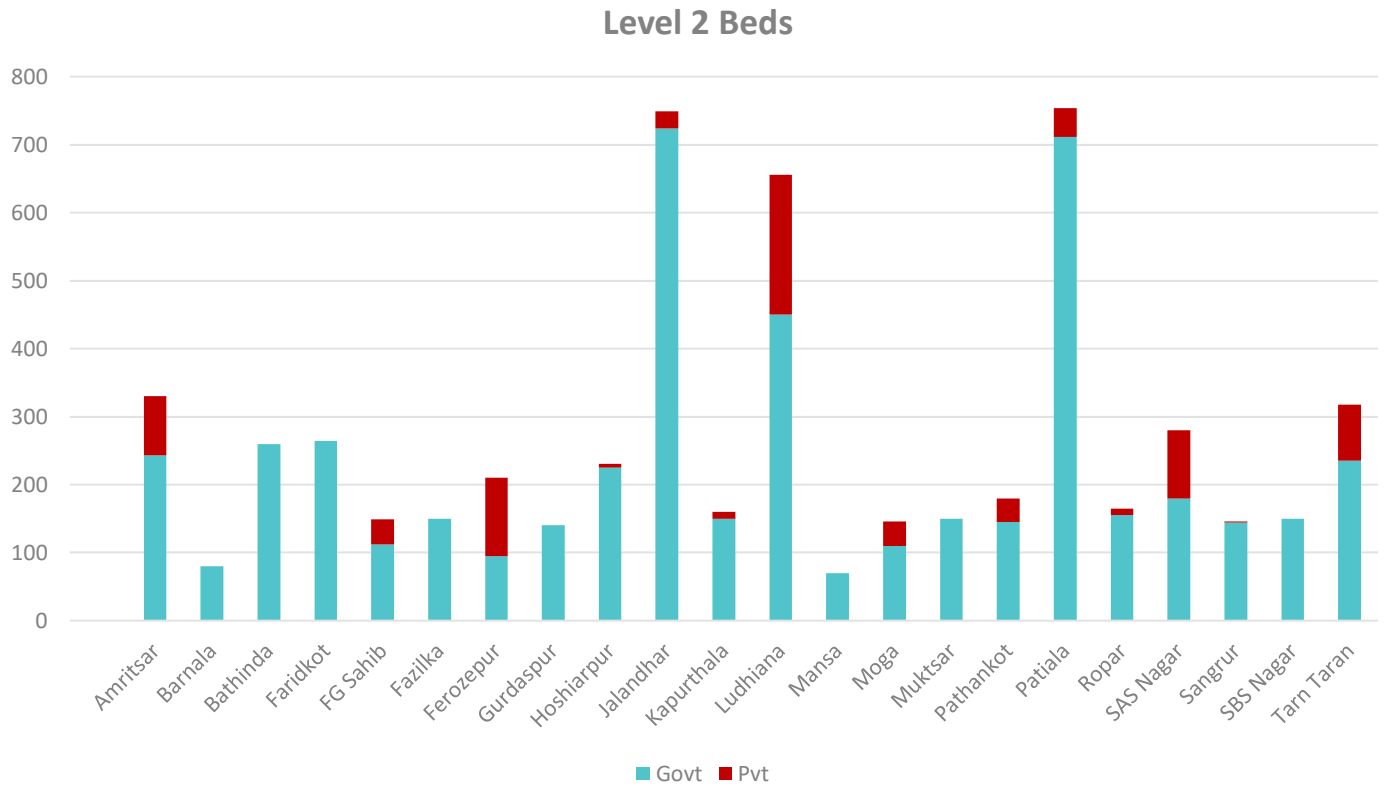
COVID Care Centres (Video)

COVID Health Centres

Level-II are hospital beds with oxygen supply. Total number of beds is 5738



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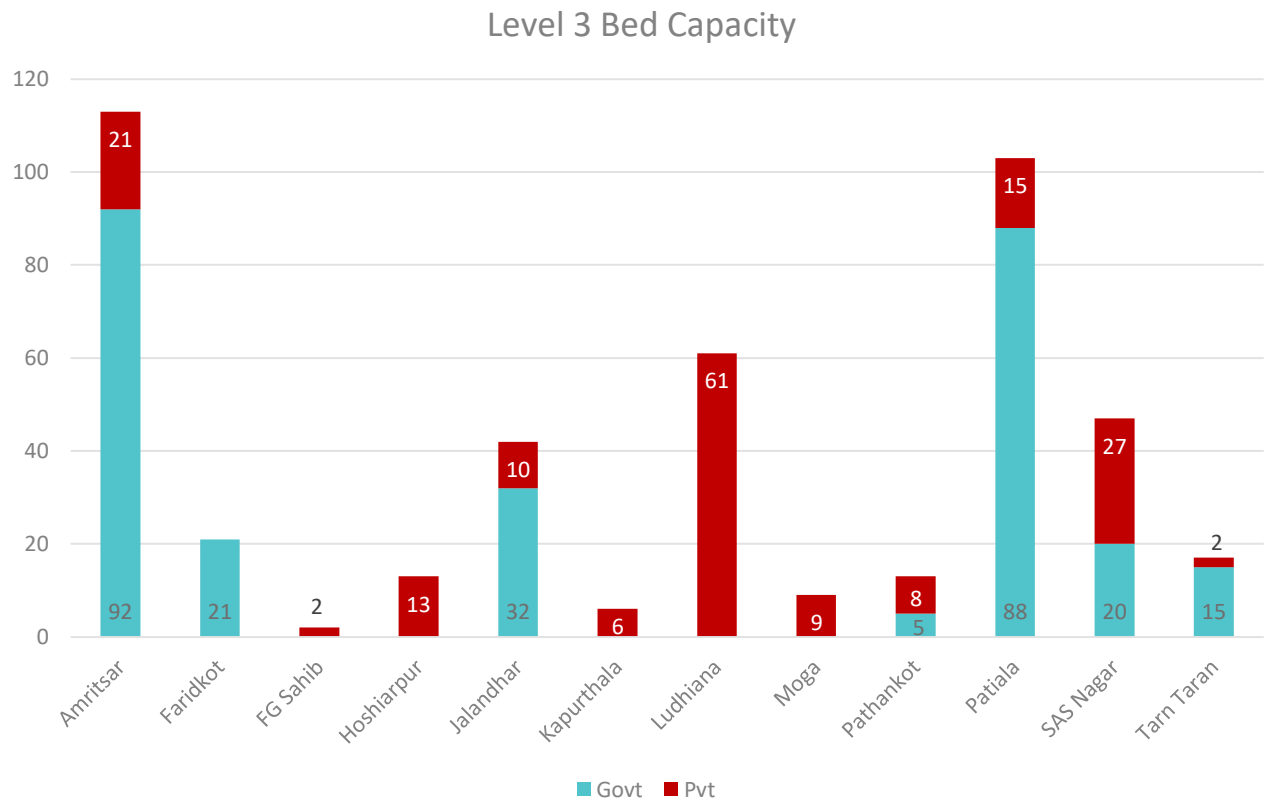
COVID Hospitals

At present, the level 3 bed strength in Punjab is a total of **447**



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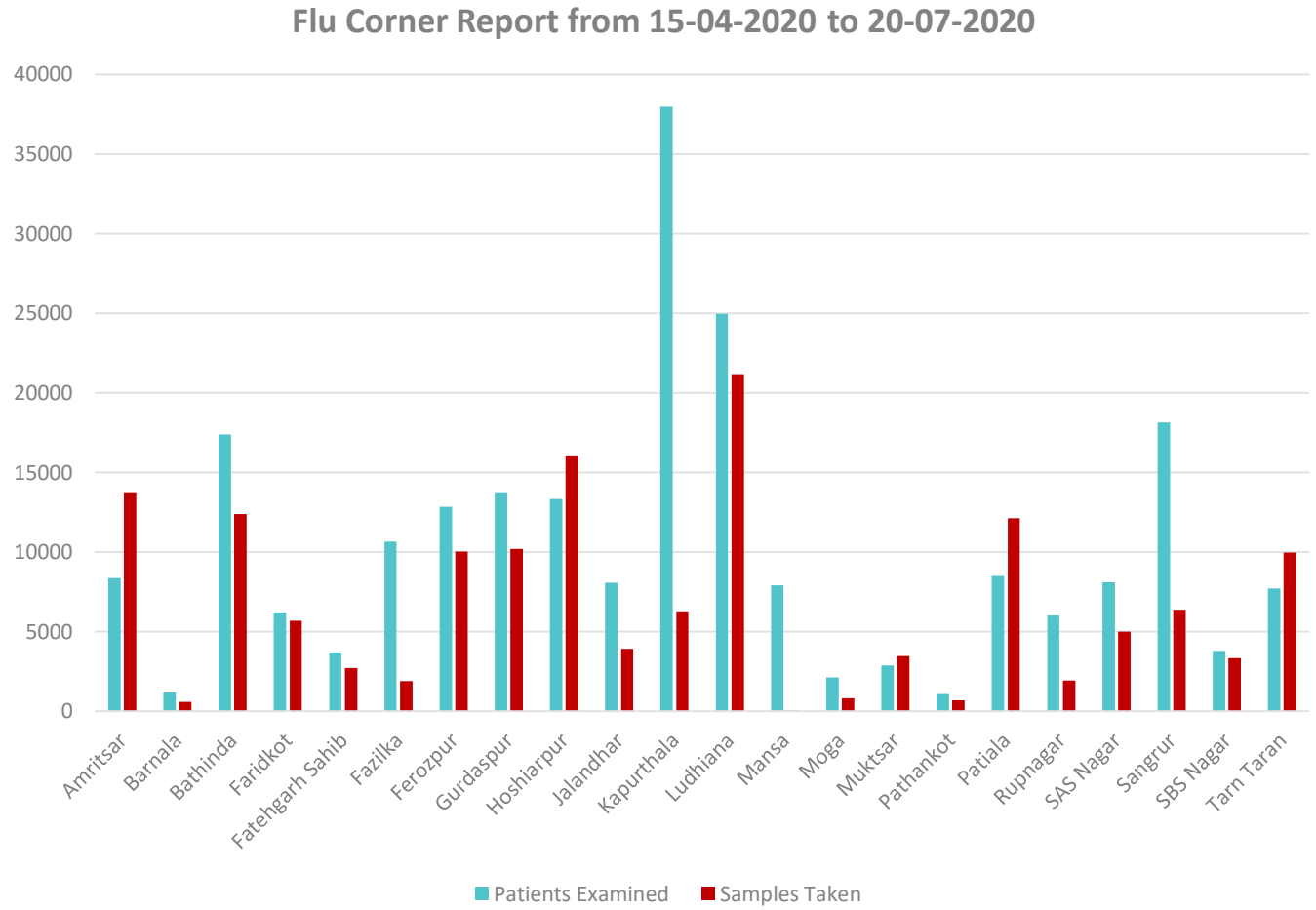
Flu Corners

Flu corners are **set up in Hospitals to screen all suspected cases** of respiratory tract infections or cases presenting symptoms similar to those of coronavirus.

These serve as the **first points of contact** for these patients and ensure that **movement of such cases is restricted** in order to prevent the spread of the disease.

Flu corners have been **running in all the districts** of Punjab.

Punjab has set up **226 Flu Corners** (19 in District Hospitals, 42 in Sub-Divisional Hospitals, 18 in Public Health Centers, 142 in Community Health Centers, 2 in Govt. Medical Colleges. and 3 in other facilities) with **sample collection facility** in **202 Flu Corners**.



Pool Testing

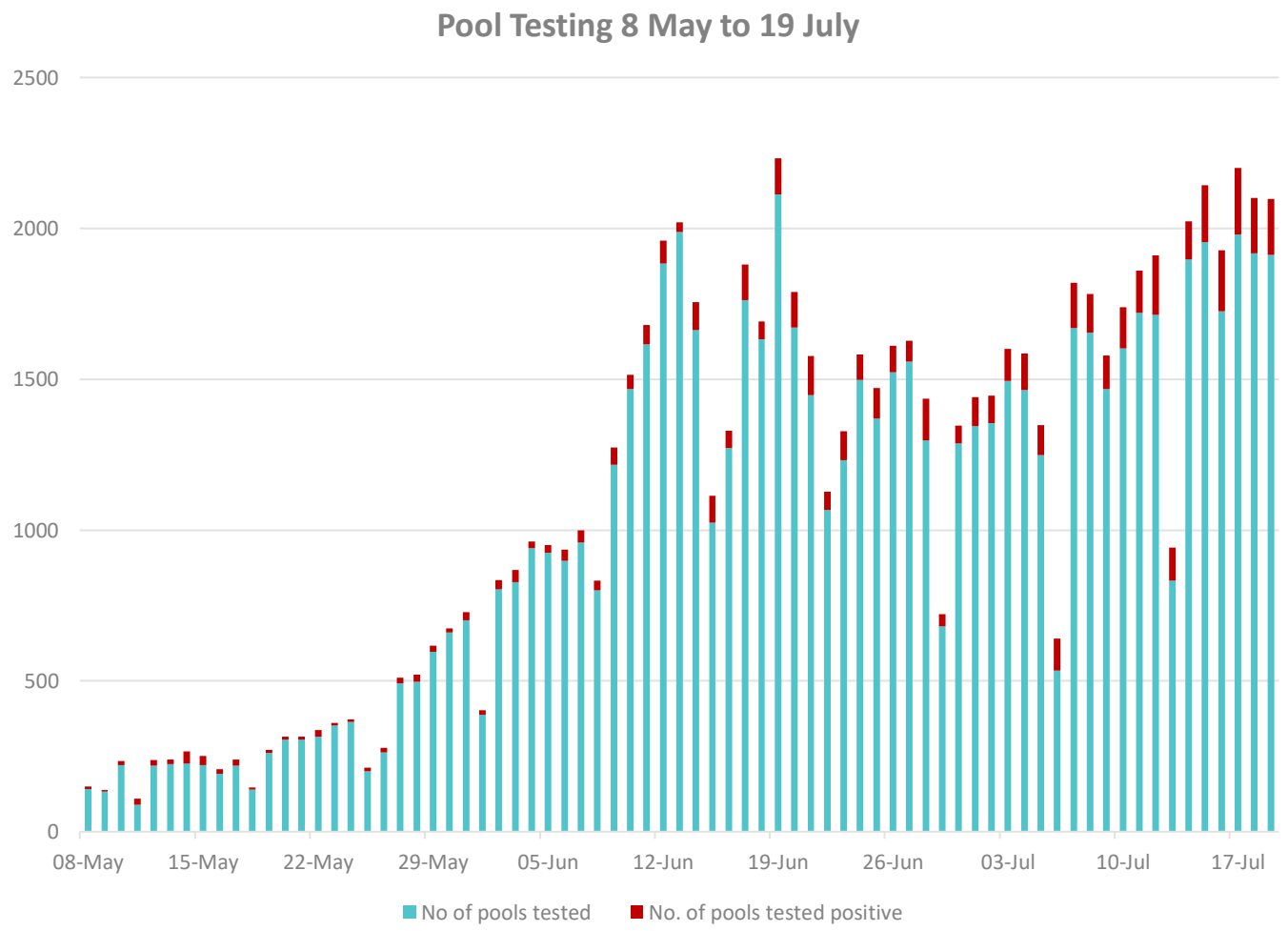
A **specimen pool** comprising of multiple individual patient specimens (2-5 individuals) is tested, followed up by individual testing, only if a pool tests positive.

Pool Testing is being carried out in **3 Government facilities:**

- GMC Amritsar
- GMC Faridkot
- GMC Patiala

Pool testing had been stopped from 30 April to 7 May as per ICMR guidelines in order to give priority to returnees

Punjab was the first to conduct pool testing trials in GMC Amritsar and GMC Patiala on 15 April. Current capacity for pooled testing is 3000 samples per lab per day (approx.) 3,78,250 pooled samples tested as on 19 July 2020



TrueNat Testing

Advantage of TrueNat Testing is that the testing time is only **60 minutes.** It is being used for emergency cases of COVID 19.

Total Capacity of TrueNat testing in Punjab is **2000**.

Private hospitals can send urgent samples for testing in government facilities for **INR 1500**. 119 such samples have been tested.

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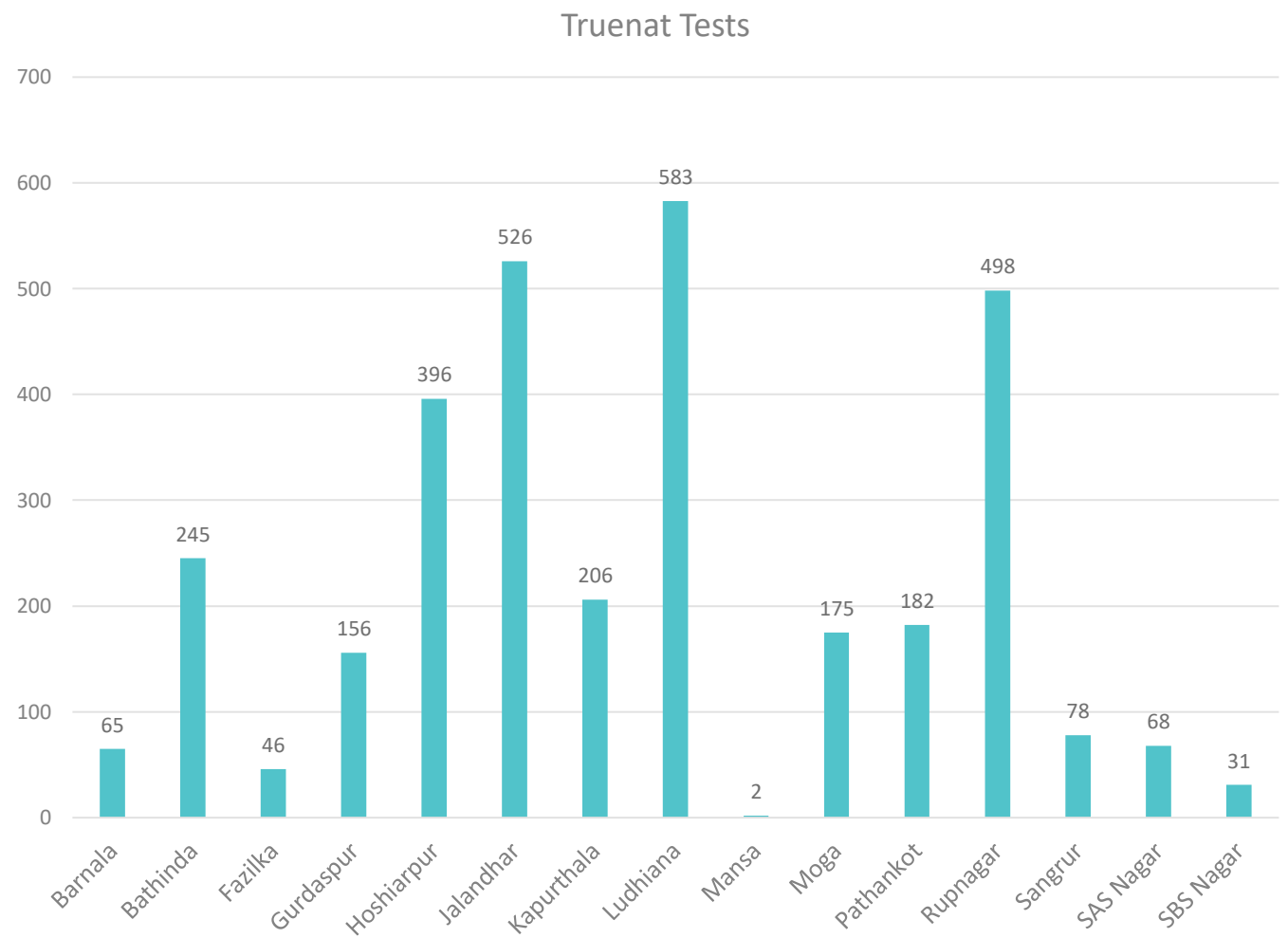
There are 30 TrueNat Machines operational at District Hospitals in Punjab. Total 3419 tests done so far, out of which 182 were positive.



Rapid Antigen Testing

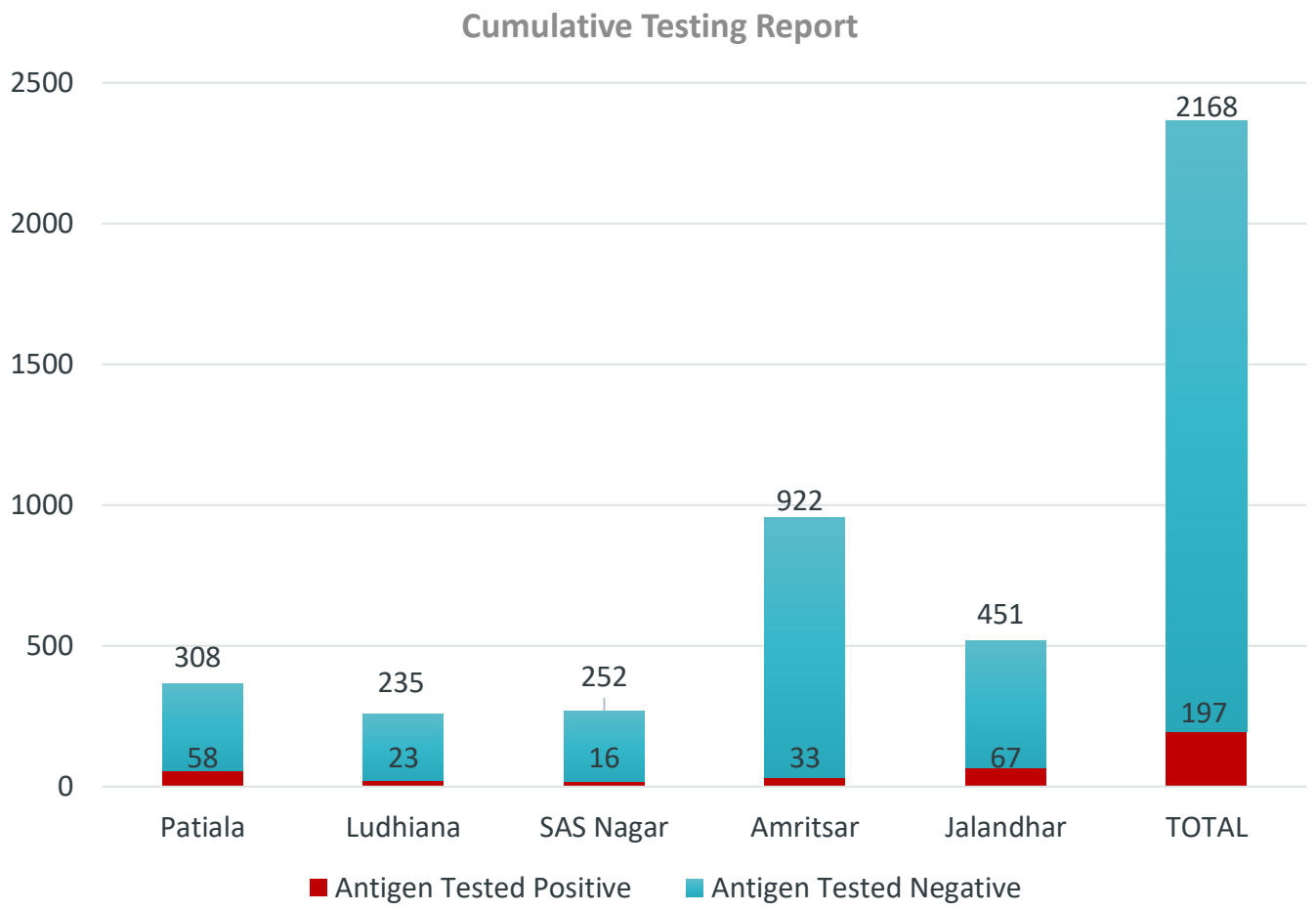
Rapid Antigen Testing shall **reduce the turnaround time** considerably and aid in quick diagnosis and management. If the result is positive, then it is taken as confirmed. However, if it is negative, then re-testing is done through TrueNat and RT-PCR.

Following categories shall be tested using Rapid Antigen Tests:

- Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) patients
- Two categories of symptomatic patients
- Three categories of asymptomatic patients

As on 19.07.2020

Punjab government has started COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Testing on 10th July 2020. 5000 kits were distributed in 8 districts - Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Mohali, Patiala, Kapurthala, FG Sahib and Ropar.



Helpline Services

The Government of Punjab has operationalized 3 new helpline numbers and individual district emergency response helpline numbers for citizens to access support and services from the Government.

This is in addition to the 2 existing helpline numbers that are also being used to support COVID related concerns.

Everyday, data from all these numbers is analyzed to show the type of calls, resolutions provided, geography and demography of the callers to aid evidence-based decision making.

112

Single Emergency Helpline for anyone in distress

18,170 calls received per day (avg.) as on 18.07.2020

108

Ambulance service for medical emergency

7,498 calls received per day (avg.) as on 18.07.2020

104

Health emergency number

5,134 calls received per day (avg.) as on 18.07.2020

1800

Dial a Doctor (launched on 31 March 2020)

953 calls received per day (avg.) as on 19.07.2020

Protocols

1. **Guidelines and Checklists for Establishing and Operationalizing COVID Care Centres**

2. **Guidelines regarding sanitizations of ambulances, oxygen cylinders, x-ray machines, and other equipment/ Hospital furniture**

3. **Guidelines for infection prevention and control for isolation**

Advisories Issued [1/3]

1. Advisory of Socialization during the COVID-19 pandemic
2. Revised Advisory for Masks
3. Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization of State Transport Undertakings
4. Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization of Sewa Kendras and their Staff
5. Advisory for the Special Care of Elderlies/Senior Citizens
6. Advisory on Maintaining and Ensuring the Safety of Food and Other Essential Household Items
7. Advisory on Maintaining the Hygiene and Sanitization of Shops
8. Advisory for the People Involved in Frequent Interstate/Intrastate Movement

Advisories Issued [2/3]

9. Advisory regarding Home Quarantine of Returnees from Within the Country
10. SOP regarding Returnees coming from Outside the Country
11. Advisory on Cleaning and Maintenance of Mobile Phones
12. Advisory on Opening and Maintaining Cattle Fairs
13. Advisory on Maintaining the Hygiene and Sanitization of Barber Shops/Hair-cut Salons
14. Advisory for Hotel and Suitable Lodging Facility for Health Staff
15. Advisory on the Use of Air-Conditioning in Residential/Commercial/Hospital Settings

Advisories Issued [3/3]

16 Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization of Bank Spaces and their Staff

17 Advisory on Safe Farming Operations (Procurement and Marketing)

18 Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization of Public/Private Sector Industries and Staff

19 Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization while Carrying-out Works Under MNREGA

20 Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization of Office Spaces and Staff

21 Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization at Petrol Pumps

22 Advisory on Maintaining Hygiene and Sanitization of Plying Goods Vehicles and Drivers/Workers

Migrant Laborers

Government of Punjab has been proactively ensuring that needs of migrants in the State are given utmost priority.

From 3 May 2020 till 20 July 2020, the Government of Punjab has facilitated the return of more than 5,43,343 migrant workers to their home states.

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Cooked Food

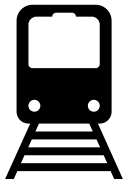
21,98,659 cooked food packets distributed across 22 districts by the State Govt while **NGOs distributed 1.84 crore packets**.

Ration Packets

1,757 ration packets distributed across 22 districts by the State Govt while **NGOs distributed 4,01,814 packets**.

Shelter Camps

More than **700 shelter camps** had been established across 22 districts**. Currently there are 235 Migrant Labor Shelters**.



Rail and Bus Service

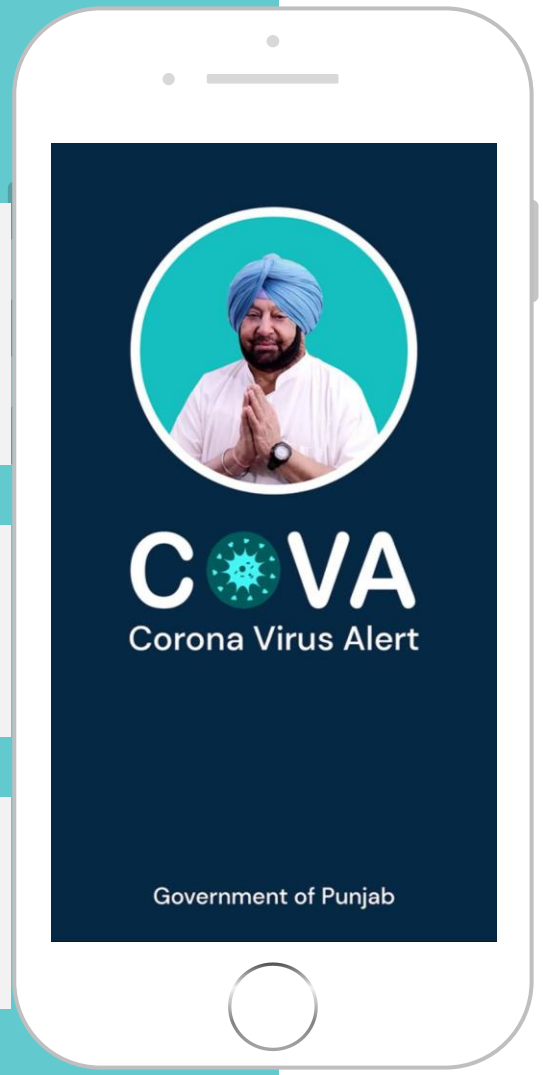
Govt. of Punjab spent Rs.29.37 crores and paid for railway tickets of **5,18,154 persons in 398 trains** In addition, **25,189 persons have been carried in 861 buses** to other states.

COVA Punjab

1st Mobile App in India, launched on 9th March 2020, with **geotagging and geofencing features**

11 States requested Punjab for access to the App and its features

42 Lac+ downloads; Available on iOS AppStore and Android PlayStore



- Find nearest COVID
- Geofencing of quarantined individuals
- Contact tracing of positive cases
- Report mass gathering
- Real time dashboard and analytics
- Order grocery and essential goods
- Booking of Train Tickets

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IT Initiatives [1/2]

1. To ensure smooth operations in Mandis during the procurement weeks under COVID-19, Punjab developed a unique centralized automated, logic-based tech platform to **issue e-Passes to farmers.** All movement in the Mandis were managed online.

2. A dedicated dashboard - **corona.punjab.gov.in** to analyse the trend and pattern of cases including prediction of future hotspots to help authorities to take timely decisions.

3. A platform - **covidhelp.punjab.gov.in** for people who want to go to their home states from Punjab and those wanting to return.

4. Punjab launched **tele-medicine & tele-counselling initiatives** for general patients other than COVID-19 to get consultation from home with the empaneled doctors/counselors through video call.

5. Deployed **UiPath RPA BOT to extract district specific information** from the email, coming from more than 20 district authorities. The BOT saves the information in respective district folder.

IT Initiatives [2/2]

6. Punjab has initiated a **mass awareness campaign** to educate and inform its citizens across all the channels **(Radio, TV, Social Media, Print Media)** about this pandemic.

7. **eSanjeevani** (Online OPD), a CDAC Mohali's flagship integrated telemedicine solution was implemented across the state to connect with a network of senior doctors over video conferencing.

8. **Video Conferencing Solutions** are being leveraged to facilitate Work-from-Home for the staff along with important webinars and VCs by the CM and other administrative staff.

Other Actions

1. The first manufacturer of PPE in Punjab was approved on 27 March 2020. As on date there are **139 PPE kit manufacturers** approved by Government of India.

2. **Plasma Therapy** - A total of **11 donors** have donated plasma out of 2500 recovered patients. **6 plasma therapy patients have recovered completely and have been discharged.**

3. **Make in Punjab** - Punjab is the **1st state to have a N-95 mask manufacturer with both DRDO and BIS certification.**

COVID-19 Trainings Given

1

Physical Training:

- **National ToT Batch on 6 March 2020**
- **110 Master Trainers on 9 March 2020**
- **6412 participants at the District Level**
- **23,797 participants at the Block Level**
- **227 Staff Members of Different Departments – Police, Social Security, Women and Child Development, Local Bodies and Agriculture**

2

Online Training:

- **6812 MOs, Dental Doctors, SNs, AYUSH Doctors, RMOs, Pharmacists, LTs, etc.**
- **343 NUHM Staff**
- **546 Labor Room and SNCU Staff**
- **125 House-Keeping and Sanitation Workers**
- **91 participants from Prisons Department**

COVID-19 Trainings Given

3

Operation FATEH:

- **Expert Group Trainings under the Chairmanship of Prof. K.K. Talwar, experts from AIIMS New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh, CMC and DMC Ludhiana**
- **2507 participants trained**

4

I-GOT Trainings:

- **Integrated Government Online Training on DIKSHA app for capacity building of frontline workers**
- **Punjab placed at 2nd position currently**
- **Course completed by 2,80,813 participants as on 15 June 2020**

SUCCESS STORY

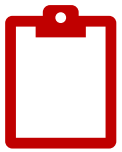
S.B.S. Nagar was the first hotspot in Punjab. It currently has one of the highest recovery rates among all districts. No new case was reported in the district for 28 continuous days.*

- Effective Mechanisms put in place for **Self-Reporting.**
- **Decentralized Approach.**
- Strong **community support**
- **Team** of Sarpanches, Sector Magistrates, SHOs, Tehsildars, Police & DC Office formed
- **Youth Volunteers** engaged.
- **Patrolling parties** per 10 villages.
- Strong **Public Information Campaign.**
- **Grievance Redressal Mechanism.**

*New cases have been reported since April 24, 2020

Cluster Containment

15 villages were contained as per Containment plan and around 30,000 persons were Home Quarantined.

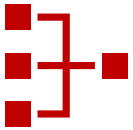


Door to door Survey in 15-villages

Extensive searching/monitoring of Symptomatic/suspected cases in the villages by SMO/RRT through ASHA door to door survey. 100% houses covered in 15-villages.

Extensive Contact Tracing

All contacts (both high risk and low risk) quarantined and put on surveillance. All confirmed cases were isolated and provided medical care.



System to identify Symptomatic persons

Each flu-like symptoms case reported by any screening source is reported to the SMO and visited by RRT. RRT then gives feedback to SMO for further action. SMOs compile all such cases and send to District level Committee twice a day. Committee consists of Medical, Civil and Police officials.

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [1/8]

March 2 — Emergency Measures

Emergency measures to combat Coronavirus menace. Punjab Cabinet approves notification to set up Flu Corners in all Govt and Pvt hospitals

March 9 — COVA App

"COVA" mobile app launched to sensitize people about precautions from Novel Corona Virus

March 21 — Social Security Relief

On CM's directives, Finance Department released ₹296 crore on account of social security pensions to 24.70 lakh beneficiaries for Jan & Feb 2020

March 22 — Lockdown

Punjab Govt. orders State-wide Lockdown. Section 144 imposed from March 23 to 31 to combat Covid-19 Pandemic

March 29 — Committees

4 Committees to deal with Covid-19 management - Health Sector Response & Procurement; Lockdown Implementation; Media & Comm.; Agriculture & Food

April 3 — Disaster Res. Fund

₹53.43 crore released to DCs to immediately tackle any exigency arising out of Covid-19 crisis

April 6 — Relief Fund

Government of Punjab has released ₹150 Cr for relief works and ₹50 Cr for medical equipment

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [2/8]

April 7 — Mandi Board Comm.

30-member control room set-up at the Mandi Board for support during the ensuing wheat harvesting and marketing season, set to begin on April 15

April 8 — Testing Capacity

Punjab Govt. led by Chief Minister ramped up its testing capacity by 10 times with procurement of 5 RTPCR and 4 RNA extraction machines (with automation)

April 10 — Exit Strategy TaskForce

15-member multi-disciplinary task force set up to formulate exit strategy for gradual relaxation of curfew/lockdown in Punjab, will submit report in 10 days

April 12 — Procurement Infra

Infrastructure of 3691 purchase centers including 153 main yards, 280 sub yards, 1434 purchase centers besides adding 1824 yards of rice mills created

April 23 — Tackle Dom. Violence

Punjab Police has formulated a detailed strategy to tackle such cases, with daily action taken reports to be submitted by the DSP for Crime Against Women (CAW)

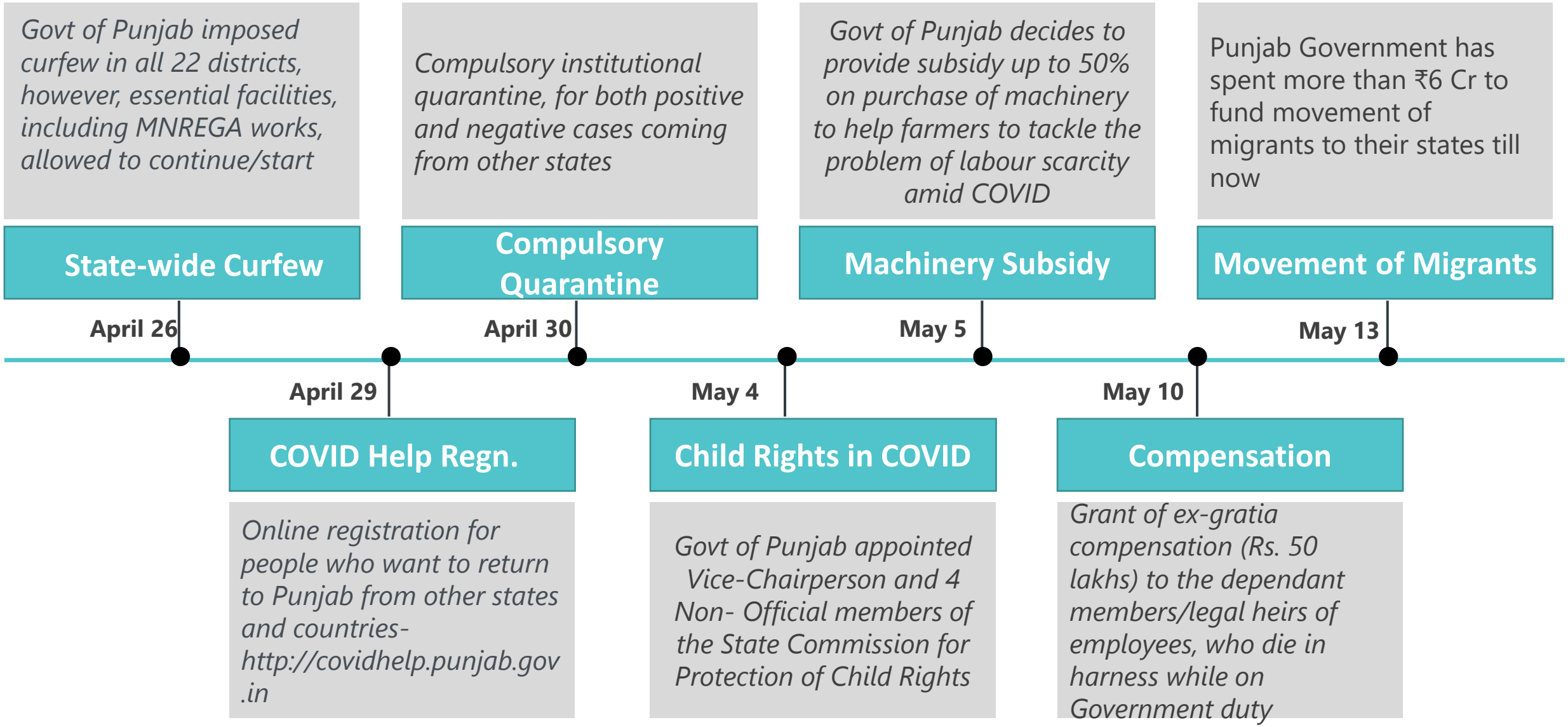
April 24 — Telemedicine

Telemedicine services in 300 Health and Wellness Centres to provide 'Comprehensive Primary Health Services' on door-steps of people in rural areas)

April 25 — Group of Experts

Mr. Montek S. Ahluwalia heads 20-member expert group to formulate Punjab's post-covid revival strategy. Initial report to be submitted on July 31

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [3/8]



Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [4/8]

May 14 — School Tuition Fees

Punjab Govt. assures that only those schools which are imparting online education will be allowed to charge tuition fee for lockdown period

May 16 — Curfew replaced with Lockdown

Amid decline in daily count of new cases over past few days, Punjab Govt. announced replacement of strict curfew with lockdown till May 31

May 17 — No COVID-19 case during Procurement

During the country's largest wheat procurement process, not a single case of Corona spreading through mandis in Punjab

May 18 — Telemedicine Collaboration

Punjab Govt. launches telemedicine venture between Cleveland Clinic USA & CMC Ludhiana. Cleveland Clinic to provide Physician-to-Physician video consultations

May 16 — Save Animals

Free vaccination to save animals from diseases such as Hemorrhagic septisemia(Ghal ghotu), swine fever and Black quarter(Patt soj).

May 17 — Free Medicines for Co-morbidities

Punjab Govt. is providing free of cost medicines to the patients those are on treatment for hypertension and diabetes as advised by MOs and RMOs

May 18 — RTI Helpline

RTI helpline for prompt response to people's RTI related queries launched. +91 172 2864100 to be operational from 10am-4pm, Monday-Friday.

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [5/8]

Investments during COVID-19 — May 18

The investments in IT/ITeS sectors in state have touched ₹605 Cr, which is approx. 65% higher than the investment figure of last financial year.

Maternity Leaves — May 19

Punjab Govt. decides to grant 180 days Maternity Leave to Government College Guest Faculty Lecturers

e-Sanjeevani OPD — May 20

CDAC Mohali's flagship integrated telemedicine solution implemented across the state. Gynaecology Services to start from 1st June

High Recovery Rate — May 23

Punjab's recovery at over 90% with only 143 active cases. Five districts, namely Sangrur, SAS Nagar, Ferozepur, Bathinda & Moga have 0 active cases.

House and Property Tax — May 19

Punjab Govt. decided to extend the deadline to pay the outstanding house tax or property tax without any penalty till 30th June 2020.

Subsidies to SC Beneficiaries — May 19

Punjab Land Development and Financial Corporation has issued subsidy to the tune of ₹140.40 lakh for SC beneficiaries to help them recover from COVID crisis

PPE Manufacturers — May 21

Amid the success of PPE Manufacturers in Punjab, Govt. has requested all States to order from these units whenever needed at HLL rates

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [6/8]

May 24 — Sewa Kendras resume operation

In Lockdown 4.0, all 516 Sewa Kendra resume operation to facilitate seamless and timely delivery of public services.

May 27 — Rural Transformation Strategy

Rs. 5,665 Cr Rural Transformation Strategy through funds convergence to generate employment and address COVID fallout in rural areas.

May 28 — Case Mortality Rate

The COVID-19 Case Mortality Rate in Punjab is amongst the lowest at 1.3%, with majority of those fatalities resulting from co-morbidities.

May 30 — Employment Generation

Ghar Ghar Rozgar & Karobar Mission initiated to facilitate employment for the benefit of both employers and prospective employees.

June 1 — Mission Fateh

Taking the state's battle against COVID to the grassroots a month-long drive launched as part of Mission Fateh, to spread mass awareness about the pandemic.

June 5 — Free COVID-19 Testing

Punjab Govt to conduct free of cost RT-PCR testing for COVID-19 samples sent by empanelled private hospitals/clinics & private Labs.

June 8 — Essential Sectors & Frontline Workers

Capital expenditure in essential sectors to be retained at Rs 5000 crore. No compromise on funding for all frontline departments.

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [7/8]

Allocation by Revenue Dept.

June 11

Revenue Department has allocated ₹300 Cr to various departments & DCs.

New Guidelines

June 12

New guidelines for curbs on weekends & gazetted holidays. No Inter-district movement except for e-pass holders on these days, only essentials shops to operate on all days of the week.

Public Grievance Redressal Policy

June 22

Punjab Cabinet approved comprehensive Public Grievance Redressal Policy to bring mechanisms of all departments under one umbrella within the ambit of Digital Punjab.

Containment Strategy

June 23

Stringent containment strategy under which 19 containment zones have been established in 8 districts containing population of about 25000, so far.

Ghar Ghar Nigrani

June 12

Punjab launched app - 'Ghar Ghar Nigrani', to undertake house-to-house surveillance in an ongoing process, till elimination of pandemic.

Plasma Therapy

June 20

ICMR has given approval to the Government Medical College, Amritsar to treat the patients of COVID-19 with plasma therapy.

Right to Business Rules 2020

June 22

Punjab Cabinet approved the Right to Business Rules, 2020 for setting up MSME units on fast track.

Timeline of COVID-19 Response in Punjab [8/8]

July 3 — Rapid Antigen Testing

Punjab to start pilot project for rapid antigen testing.

July 7 — Expert Advisory Committees

Two 'Expert Advisory Committees' under the overall guidance of Advisor, Health & Medical Education & Research Dr. KK Talwar to augment COVID care strategy.

July 8 — District Technical Committees

Punjab has constituted District Technical Committees headed by Civil Surgeon to take the immediate decisions at district level regarding COVID-19.

July 16 — Private Hospital Treatment Rates

Covid treatment rates of private hospitals finalised by Dr KK Talwar committee & approved by CM for mild, moderate, severe, very severe cases, inclusive of #PPE cost.

July 17 — School Education

Campaign launched to provide online education to students during the pandemic. Further, an initiative launched to educate children through animation videos.

July 17 — Labour Rooms in District Hospitals

The Health & Family Welfare Department has set up separate Labour rooms in all district hospitals for the deliveries of pregnant women reported positive.

July 20 — Rapid Antigen Testing

Rapid Antigen testing has initiated in 5 Districts in Punjab where 2365 rapid antigen tests conducted so far, 197 have been found positive & 2168 tested negative.

Thank You