## Manoj Kumar, I.A.S **Executive Director**

To.

Letter No.-SHSB/GA/IDSP/1495/2015-Part 2..... 8732

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, Govt. of Bihar

Patna, Date-. 25 / 2 /2020

Sub: Health Advisory for Schools and Colleges for prevention and control of Novel Corona Virus outbreak (Covid 19)

Ref: D.O.No. Secy (HFW)/IMP/Coronavirus/2020, dated 5 Feb, 2020

Sir,

In context to the ongoing corona virus outbreak in China and its rapid spread to many other countries including India (3 cases), districts are ensuring various activities like organizing Gram Sabha meetings, orientation of PRIs. HWs and Schools. Screening of passengers at Patna and Gaya Airports and at Buddhist spots in Araria, Gaya. East Champaran and Vaishali is also being ensured.

As there is no drug or vaccine available to manage this disease, preventive measures become crucial to stop the transimission of this disease. Creating awareness among university/college students about preventive interventions such as frequent hand wash, respiratory etiquettes (using the sleeve of shirt covering upper arm, staying away from college when sick, avoiding public gatherings etc) will help in preventing/reducing transmission of not only this disease, but also large number of other communicable diseases, notably flu like illnesses. Further, such informed youth can be agents of change for their family, community and beyond.

In view of the above, it is requested to direct the competent authority/teachers in Schools and Colleges (private and autonomous) to sensitize their students on simple public health measures that will go long way in preventing the spread of Novel Coronavirus disease. Advisory and IEC materials on Covid 19 is annexed for ready reference.

**Enclosures: As above** 

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Copy to:

1. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Bihar for kind information

2. Secretary Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India for kind information

3. Principal Secretary Health, Govt. of Bihar for kind information.

4. District Magistrate, All districts, Bihar for kind information & necessary action.

5. Civil Surgeon, All districts, Bihar for information & necessary action to coordinate with District Transpor

6. ACMO-Cum-DSO, IDSP All districts, Bihar for information & necessary action.

7. Director-in-Chief, Public Health, Health Deprtment, Govt. of Bihar for information & necessary action.

8. Principal & Superintendent, All Govt. MC & Hospitals, Bihar for information

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