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To: All Member Banks

18th Advisory – Inclusion of Bank Employees for conducting Rapid Antibody Test

1. We are pleased to inform that upon taking up the matter, the Government of Kerala has consented to include Bank Employees also as vulnerable section of employees for conducting random **Rapid Antibody Test** by them in the backdrop of spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

2. We reiterate some of the points highlighted by us through our earlier Advisories:

a) Banks shall continue to observe all extant precautionary measures/guidelines to prevent spread of the pandemic strictly in letter and spirit to safeguard the interests of the staff and the public at large, duly ensuring that sufficient masks, sanitizers and other safety devices are made available and utilised.

b) Queue system should be followed by customers duly adhering to social distancing norms. Wearing of masks by customers visiting branches is mandatory. Facilities for hand wash and sanitizers should be provided at the entrance of the branch premises and ensure that customers sanitize themselves before entering inside the branch.

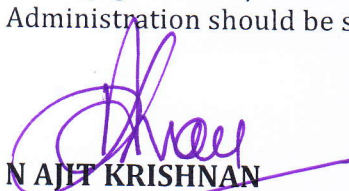
c) Maximum of 5 customers only to be allowed inside the banking hall at any point of time. Customers shall maintain social distancing while dealing with branch staff. In view of the Unlock 2 guidelines, minimum distance to be maintained is fixed as 6 feet in public places.

d) Employees residing in Containment Zones where the District Administration has ordered for a complete shutdown may not be able to commute outside the containment zone locations and report to their working branches situated outside such zones due to the restrictions. In such situations, Banks will have to make necessary arrangements to ensure that such affected Branches are suitably staffed and functioning normally.

e) In compelling situations, assistance of local Police may be solicited for providing adequate security personnel at bank branches and also to BCs at their locations for maintaining social distancing, law and order and staggering of account holders.

3. Any guidelines/instructions issued by the District Disaster Management Authority / District Administration should be strictly followed in the larger interests of the staff and society.

BREAK THE CHAIN


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