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Dated the 2 Dec, 2020

To,

All Members of the Executive Committee of the DCI

Sub:- Guidelines for Re-opening of Dental Colleges on the similar line of medical colleges - Regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Sub-Committee for framing guidelines for reopening of dental colleges on the similar line of medical colleges in terms of D.O. letter No. V.12025/235/2020-MEP dated 25.11.2020 from the GOI was held on 1st & 2nd Dec, 2020. A copy of the minutes of the Sub-Committee is being attached herewith for kind consideration of the Executive Committee, by circulation, with the request to kindly go through the same and intimate for further course of action in the matter, as early as possible.

Yours faithfully

(M.L.Meena)

Officiating Secretary
Dental Council of India

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DENTAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

Minutes of Sub-Committee of re-opening of Dental Colleges on the similar line of Medical colleges held on 1st & 2nd Dec, 2020 at Committee Room, Dental Council of India, Ayan-E-Gallib Marg, Kotla Road, New Delhi.

The following were present:-

1. Dr. Dhirendra Srivastava
2. Prof. (Dr.) Saranjit Singh Bhasin
3. Dr. Puneet Batra

1. The Sub-Committee considered Proposal of Dental Council of India for issuance of advisory for re-opening of Dental Colleges on the similar line of Medical colleges in terms of D.O. Letter No. V-11025/235/2020-MEP dated 25.11.2020 and after discussion & deliberation decided as under:-

The meeting of the Sub-Committee convened on 01.12.2020 but could not complete the guidelines. The committee therefore, revisited to continue the meeting again on 02.12.2020, and unanimously framed the following guidelines for re-opening of Dental Colleges on the similar line of Medical colleges, specifically with reference to the dentistry, for further consideration and approval of the Executive Committee.

Dental Council of India guidelines of Reopening of Dental Colleges post lockdown due to covid-19 pandemic dated 1st Dec, 2020 shall be implemented alongwith UGC Guidelines for Re-opening the Universities and Colleges Post Lockdown due to Covid-19 Pandemic vide reference No. D.O-14-8-2020(CPP-II) dated 5th November, 2020.

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Keeping in view of the uncertainties of future due to Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on the functioning of dental colleges, college authorities may reopen their campuses in a phased manner, ensuring safety, health, and well being of all students, faculty and staff. College authorities should plan opening of dental college in such a manner so that they are ready to handle any eventuality arising due to Covid 19.

The college authority may if required augment these guidelines for its strict implementation. In making specific guidelines, the college authorities shall consider the direction and advisory of centre / state govt., UT administration as well as national/ state disaster management authorities

BDS Course Regulations 2007 shall continue to be applicable for teaching, clinical and lab training for BDS Curriculum. However, changes in time table to accommodate staggered classes may be made while maintaining the number of teaching hours as prescribed in DCI BDS Course Regulations 2007.

The States/UTs may take necessary steps to open the dental colleges on or before 5th Dec, 2020. All the guidelines / SOPs with respect to social distancing and prevention of spread of epidemic issued by Central/ State/UT Governments/ DCI will be meticulously followed by all the colleges

General preventive measures during Covid-19 Pandemic

The following health measures are to be followed to reduce the risk of COVID- 19 by all (faculty members, employees, students and visitors) at all times:

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- V. Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest.
- VI. Spitting shall be strictly prohibited and punishable offence inside the campus as per the local Govt./ college authorities.
- VII. Installation & use of Aarogya Setu App shall be advised wherever feasible.
- VIII. Regular training of faculty, students, paramedical staffs and other supporting staffs should be provided on methods for controlling the spread of transmission.
- IX. Regular screening of faculty, staff and students should be carried out for any Covid like symptoms at points of entry of the college as well hostels.
- X. The period of absence of students on account of being quarantined due to Covid-19 shall not adversely affect their attendance on furnishing the necessary documents in support of their claim.
- XI. Regular visits of a counsellor to be arranged so that the faculty, staff and students may allay their anxiety, stress or fear during the pandemic time.
- XII. Guidelines of CPWD regarding air conditioning / ventilation as mentioned in UGC guidelines may be followed.

Teaching:

1. Online mode of teaching should be promoted for lectures during Covid-19 Pandemic. The campus of dental colleges should be made Wi-fi enabled
2. Students may be allowed to attend online classes inside the college campus, if need so arises.
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5. Entry and exits of the students in lecture theatre, examination hall and other areas to be monitored to avoid crowding.
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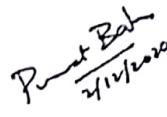
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DATE: from date of approval by EQ

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