**Domestic Assistants - In residential societies**

We know that we need our domestic assistants to support us while we *Work from Home* or when we get back to office work, and that they too need us to support them! Let us ensure that they and their eligible family members get vaccinated at the earliest feasible time. Let us address their concerns and worries about the vaccine. **Let us help them and help ourselves.**

We all know that residential societies must comply with Govt.-issued guidelines, and not make their own rules! Let us help our Society Management volunteers by giving them relevant and practical inputs.

**Recommended Actions by Housing Societies**

Please provide your Housekeeping and Security Staff with three cloth masks (preferably with a discreet, unique identifying mark) (Wear x 01 - Wash / Dry x 01 - Spare x 01).

1. **Guide, educate, and periodically remind that wearing of home-made type or other cloth masks by all residents and visitors to the society when in public spaces, is compulsory.**

2. **Provide foot-operated hand sanitizer dispensers at the entry to buildings / colonies for all visitors (including Domestic Assistants).**

3. **Ensure a daily wipedown of common high contact surfaces such as lift call panels, door handles, entry lobby glass doors, and such like surfaces, with a suitable disinfectant such as Lysol (or anything similar).**
   - Do not use hand sanitizer for disinfection of common surface areas
   - Ensure a separate absorbent cloth is designated for this purpose

4. **Ensure wet mopping of common floor surfaces with suitable cleaning agents like Phenyl with appropriate dilution (read instruction labels). Avoid dry sweeping of these areas.**

5. **Don’t spray any chemicals in common areas, on people, on vehicles, or on roads.**

6. **Unless you have a medical establishment with an Operation Theatre, don’t do any ‘fumigation’ or hire any agency to do so, in residential areas.**

7. **Arrange for proper and regular garbage clearance.**

*Note: Surface transmission has been found to play a very minor role in transmission. Hence do not go overboard on wiping down surfaces or objects.*

Be aware that dengue poses far more of a threat to residents, especially after the onset of rains.

Insistence on medical certificates or medical examinations serves no particular purpose, as an individual may be asymptomatic at that point on time.

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