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TOGETHER WE STAND





The Chennai, together we stand

80+ year old Chennai residents spread hope!

436 patients, who are 80+ years old have recovered until now in Chennai. Their will power, Tamil Nadu Health Department & GCC's support and coordination made it possible to win their battle against COVID-19. Thanks to the healthcare heroes for their dedicated services.



July - 3	•	80+ years old Chennai
		residents spread hope!
July - 6		Greater Chennai
		Corporation's (GCC)
		official Twitter handle
		reaches 100K followers
July - 7	•	GCC rescued 24 homeless
		people in a special rescue
		drive
July - 8	•	Chennai showing a decrease
		in the number of COVID-19
		positive cases gradually
July - 10	•	GCC's timely action saves
, ,		'Kannagi Nagar'
July - 12	•	A group of Transgender
)		Volunteers spread
		awareness and steps in
		as FOCUS volunteers in
		Chennai

GCC launched special drive to rescue homeless people

GCC rescued 24 homeless people in a special rescue drive, checked their body temperatures and sent them to the shelter homes on 06.07.2020.



Chennai slowly moving away from the spread of COVID positivity

The Chennai city's testing has doubled in 2 weeks between June 15 to July 15, but also showing a 50% decline in the number of COVID-19 positive patients, indicating a possible slowdown in the spread of infection in the city.



GCC's timely action saves 'Kannagi Nagar'

GCC's efforts, plans and timely actions is helping out Kannagi Nagar to contain the spread of COVID-19 in their locality. Strict protocols introduced at the early stages and various awareness measures taken by GCC along with the cooperation of the public in following the same, is pushing Kannagi Nagar in a more hopeful path to prevent the COVID-19 spread.



STEPS TAKEN TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Fever Surveillance

There are 12,000 surveillance workers across all divisions under the limits of GCC to conduct door-to-door survey of the public to identify the ones with symptoms.

Fever clinics

Fever clinics are conducted daily in all the 200 divisions of GCC, UPHCs and Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) to identify ILI / symptomatic cases. Fever clinics were initiated on 08.05.2020 and nearly 12 Lakh people attended the fever clinics.

Contact Tracing

The initial data collection is being done by a sanitary inspector by collecting the details of the household members and other immediate contacts after interacting with the patient.

Intensified disinfection

Household disinfection and Disinfection of public places and streets are being focused by GCC.

Steps to increase immunity

To increase the immunity of the people, all the households in the affected areas are being provided with Kabasura Kudineer.

Cotton Masks

More than 50 Lakh Cotton masks are provided to the people living in slums and densely populated areas of Chennai.

Awareness drive

Autos fitted with mike and loudspeaker are deployed to create awareness on COVID-19. Social media is also extensively used to update the IEC activities on COVID-19, dispel the myths and promote preventive activities for COVID-19.

Community intervention program

92 NGOs are engaged for promoting community participation and for providing community-based services through their outreach workers and volunteers from the same area.

Dash board Data till 18-07-2020

Tota Positive 84,59	Cases	Recove 68,1		Active Cases 14,997
	No. of p test (04-07-2020 til 1,42,	ed 118-07-2020)	 eaths ,407	

S.No	Zone	Recovered	Deaths	Active Cases
1	Thiruvottiyur	2575	73	505
2	Manali	1288	17	239
3	Madhavaram	2199	35	415
4	Tondiarpet	7688	191	765
5	Royapuram	8902	175	1100
6	Thiru.Vi.Ka Nagar	5519	148	1108
7	Ambattur	3271	52	892
8	Anna Nagar	7897	144	1561
9	Teynampet	7778	206	1345
10	Kodambakkam	7331	147	2082
11	Valasaravakkam	3385	48	730
12	Alandur	1889	32	512
13	Adayar	4371	81	1088
14	Perungudi	1847	30	338
15	Sholinganallur	1487	12	372
16	Other District	766	16	1945
	Total	68,193	1407	14997

Fever Clinics Details from 08-05-2020 till 18-07-2020

Total No. of Camp 19,151	A	otal Nos ttended 81,205		(g OP per Camp 6 2 %
Sympto	No. of omatic Cases 2,470		otal Sw taken 57,54		

S.No	Zone	No. of Camp	Nos Attended	Avg OP per camp	No. of Symptomatic Cases	Percentage %	Swab Taken
1	Thiruvottiyur	708	52066	74	4326	8	4121
2	Manali	342	26319	77	1139	4	1096
3	Madhavaram	523	35829	69	643	2	628
4	Tondiarpet	1494	56762	38	12466	22	12305
5	Royapuram	2024	88775	44	9204	10	8394
6	Thiru.Vi.Ka Nagar	1795	127534	71	4689	4	4649
7	Ambattur	1111	69858	63	1269	2	1259
8	Anna Nagar	1978	98916	50	5961	6	5506
9	Teynampet	1733	116676	67	5275	5	4287
10	Kodambakkam	1734	127937	74	4031	3	2808
11	Valasaravakkam	1225	68712	56	3504	5	3457
12	Alandur	1121	78741	70	2531	3	1939
13	Adayar	1352	97103	72	2032	2	1900
14	Perungudi	1027	75433	73	2208	3	2135
15	Sholinganallur	984	60544	62	3192	5	3065
Total		19151	1181205	62	62470	5	57549



37 Sample collection centers and 12 screening centers are active in the city for COVID-19 testing in which _____ samples are taken. 3,500 active Focus Volunteers are appointed to provide help at the door step for the houses under Home Quarantine and Home Isolation.

51 active COVID care centers and 15,933 beds ready to treat asymptomatic patients.

DOOR TO DOOR SURVEY BY SECTOR HEALTH WORKERS

The Greater Chennai Corporation has an intensive surveillance system for fever, cough and breathlessness, which are typically the symptoms of COVID-19. Such cases are identified and tested for COVID-19 in the early stages and appropriately managed. GCC follows a universal approach recommended by the World Health Organization and Government of India to reduce the mortality due to COVID-19.

A clear plan of action has been drawn and Sector Health Workers and NGO outreach workers have been deployed for door-todoor survey to screen for fever, cough and breathlessness in both non-slum areas and slum areas. The Sector Health workers visit every 100-150 houses and for every 15 sectors, there is one supervisor. A total of 11,957 sector health workers and 754 supervisors have been deployed.

The Sector Health Workers are trained by the Assistant Engineers, Division Health Officers, Sanitary Inspectors and other Supervisory Officers. Sector Health workers are provided with a non-touch thermometer for fever screening and Pulse Oximeter to check Oxygen saturation in the community with a special focus in identification of people with co-morbidities, people who are aged more than 60 years, Ante-Natal mothers and people with chronic illness.

The persons identified as the ones, who need care and monitoring, by the Sector Health workers will be supervised by a Staff Nurse / UHN / ANM / Anganwadi worker in non-slum areas and through NGOs in slum areas. Chennai is the only city which is conducting thermal screening for all residents in the city every day. The Sector Health Workers are trained in basic field level activities, informed about symptoms of COVID-19, educated about the use of the equipment (Thermometer, Pulse Oximeter), recording the finding (documentation), and advised to pass the correct information to the household members regarding fever clinics and places to be referred for higher care.



Every day 19 lakhs families are visited by the Sector Health Workers. So far 1,15,634 individuals have been identified as having fever, cough or breathlessness out of which 1,10,196 have been cured. All households are being covered every day and fever screening is done using the thermometer.

Greater Chennai Corporation is the first municipal body and Chennai is the first city, in India to have initiated these door-to-door fever and other COVID-19 symptom monitoring process

This initiative has helped in early identification of COVID-19 Positive patients, and thereby further management of their health by early referral to designated healthcare facilities has significantly reduced the COVID-19 mortality rate in Chennai.

MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER

Greater Chennai Corporation has been undertaking all the preventive measures against the spread of COVID-19, across all the zones in the city in an effective manner from the month of March.

For the first time in India, a door-to-door screening of people to check their body temperature was started by the Greater Chennai Corporation. It was followed by aggressive testing, effective contact tracing, Fever Clinics, Screening Centers, and COVID-19 Care Centers which played a key role in successfully tracing and caring for the COVID-19 positive patients till recovery.

As of 19.07.2020 the city's recovery rate is at 81%. The result of the extensive preventive measures taken like early detection & treatment of the positive cases, and by isolating those in contact with them is evident in the increase of recovery cases in the city and reduced the case number in the past fortnight.

Along with Greater Chennai Corporation, Greater Chennai Police, Health and Family welfare department, doctors and paramedics, Volunteers and Sanitary workers are dedicatedly working hand in hand as a single team in this fight against COVID-19 and the result of that coordinated effort is that the number of active cases is reducing day by day in the city.

I request the people of Chennai to continue giving their support to Tamil Nadu Government and Greater Chennai Corporation's COVID-19 preventive measures and to rigorously follow the safety protocols such as Staying at Home unless absolutely necessary to step out, maintaining Social Distancing, Wearing a Mask, etc,. and help the city of Chennai, which has successfully overcome disasters like floods and cyclones in the past, to overcome this COVID-19 pandemic as well.

We are here to serve you!

Wear Mask Maintain Social Distancing Wash Hands Regularly Yours G. Prakash IAS., Commissioner Greater Chennai Corporation













GCC Vidmed App

Get in touch with GCC using the following platforms for all your COVID-19 related queries.

Use the below link to download GCC Vidmed app.

https://bit.ly/2Abh56p

GCC Ripon building Covid care and Mental health Control room numbers

044 4612 2300 | 044 2538 4520

Zonal wise covid control room numbers				
ZONE 1	Thiruvottiyur	044 4655 6301		
ZONE 2	Manali	044 4655 6302		
ZONE 3	Madhavaram	044 4655 6303		
ZONE 4	Tondiarpet	044 4655 6304		
ZONE 5	Royapuram	044 4655 6305		
ZONE 6	TVK Nagar	044 4655 6306		
ZONE 7	Ambattur	044 4655 6307		
ZONE 8	Anna Nagar	044 4655 6308		
ZONE 9	Teynampet	044 4655 6309		
ZONE 10	Kodambakkam	044 4655 6310		
ZONE 11	Valasaravakkam	044 4655 6311		
ZONE 12	Alandur	044 4655 6312		
ZONE 13	Adayar	044 4655 6313		
ZONE 14	Perungudit	044 4655 6314		
ZONE 15	Sholinganallur	044 4655 6315		



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