PRECAUTIONS AGAINST COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

While there is no necessity to panic about the recent spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus, all TIFR members are requested to take the following precautions:

(a) Avoid/postpone long distance travel, unless it is absolutely essential. International travel, particularly to the affected countries, should definitely be avoided. Resort to video conferences as far as possible.

(b) If you are planning to travel abroad please inform the medical section (through email at sraghavan@tifr.res.in) of your travel plans before commencement of travel.

(c) Please note that if you do travel to International destinations or via airports at high risk you may be quarantined upon your return. This would be applicable to International visitors too.

(d) All members returning from an International trip should report to Medical section as soon as possible.

(e) If you have been in contact with a known case of coronavirus infection, report to Medical Section immediately for further investigation.

(f) If you or any member of your family shows any symptoms of the coronavirus sickness (e.g. fever, dry cough, breathing difficulty, etc.) report to the Health Promotion Centre/Institute Medical Section/ CHSS Dispensary or BARC Hospital (and designated medical facilities at Centres and Field stations) immediately. Resume your regular work only if cleared by Medical Authorities.

(g) Conferences, Public lectures, meetings, workshops with large number of participants should be avoided till April 30, 2020.
(h) If you are planning to host an international visitor please inform the medical section with details about the visit at least a week prior to the visit. Please note that visitors especially from high risk countries may be asked to leave unless prior information has been given to the institute about their visit.

(i) Please be informed about any VISA restrictions imposed by the Government of India from time to time and advice international visitors well in time to avoid embarrassment while entering the country.

(j) While inside the Institute (and even outside), wash your hands with soap and water (available in all the Institute washrooms) or use hand sanitizer after touching objects of common use, e.g. door handles, lift buttons, etc.

(k) Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19 and follow advice given by the Institute Medical Authorities or any other national and local public health authority on how to protect you and others from COVID-19.

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