



14th August, 2020

To,
Shri Mukesh Kumar, IAS
Municipal Commissioner
Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation
Sardar Patel Bhavan
Danapith
Ahmedabad - 380001.

Sub: Request to issue appropriate instructions not to seal/ close entire workplace

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI).

At the outset, we truly appreciate Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) for the commendable steps for testing to contain the corona spread in Ahmedabad city.

Sir, we would like to draw your kind attention to the notification issued by Ministry of Health and Welfare (Enclosed herewith) dated 18th May, 2020 regarding the Guidelines on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in workplace settings, para 6, which is quoted below:

“If there are one or two cases reported, the disinfection procedure will be limited to places/areas visited by the patient in past 48 hrs. There is no need to close the entire office building/halt work in other areas of the office and work can be resumed after disinfection as per laid down protocol”.

We highly appreciate the proactive surveillance being done by AMC to contain the spread. However, it has come to our notice that in some incidents even if stray cases of 1 or 2 (very few) corona suspects are found, Health officials seal or close the entire unit/building. Which is not in conformity with the guidelines issued by the Health Ministry and it affects adversely to day-to-day business activities and economy in general.

Durgesh V. Buch
President

Natubhai Patel
Sr. Vice President

Bhargav Thakkar
Vice President

Sanjeev Chhajer
Secretary

Dilip M. Padhya
Secretary (R)

Pathik S. Patwari
Treasurer



This will discourage the Industrial units/ Traders/ Institutions to come forward voluntarily for testing under the fear that if anybody is found positive, Authority will seal the entire activity.

Durgesh V. Buch
President

If common services like Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) is closed in view of stray corona cases, activities of entire Industrial estate would also be halted which is not good for economic revival.

Natubhai Patel
Sr. Vice President

Therefore, we request you to issue the suitable instructions to surveillance officers not to close the entire unit in incident of stray corona cases.

Bhargav Thakkar
Vice President

With warm regards,

Sanjeev Chhajer
Secretary

Dilip M. Padhya
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Copy to: Shri Vijay bhai Rupani, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Gujarat

Encl: Notification of Ministry of Health & Welfare