

Prevention and Protection against COVID

Objectives:

- To prevent the transmission of COVID-19 among students, faculty, staff, and general public.
- To protect students, faculty, staff and general public and slow the spread of COVID-19 by encouraging COVID appropriate behavior and vaccinations.
- To increase vaccine uptake among students, faculty, staff and general public by spreading awareness about COVID-19 vaccination, promoting vaccine trust and confidence, and establishing supportive policies and practices that make getting vaccinated as easy and convenient as possible.
- To instill a philanthropic spirit among the students, faculty, staff and general public to help one another to cope with the challenges brought by COVID-19.
- To impart best possible education to our students through online or offline or blended modes during the tough times of COVID-19.

Context:

The world has undergone drastic changes in all spheres of life after the outbreak of COVID-19. Regardless of any age group, gender, caste, class, and social group, it has affected all very adversely. The term like “new-normal” has brought for us a bundle of social responsibilities not only for individual health but for the survival of entire human race on planet earth. Therefore, it becomes quite imperative for us to make people aware of these responsibilities and help them to protect themselves and the people around them.

Practice:

The journey of “Prevention and Protection against COVID” has so far been a quite challenging one as it includes plenty of pitfalls at every step, though we overcome all of them by the dint of our unflagging enthusiasm. Although, since the outbreak of COVID-19, the protection and prevention has always been in the heart of each activity conducted in S.D. College, Hoshiarpur, yet a few of them are enlisted below:

1.	Distribution of face masks made by the staff members and students of S.D. College Hoshiarpur.	22/10/2020
2.	A Vaccination Awareness Drive against covid-19 conducted in the adopted village Fadma and Deep Nagar Hoshiarpur where awareness pamphlets were distributed.	27/3/2021
3.	A Vaccination Drive against covid-19 conducted in the college	1/4/2021

4.	In Collaboration with the Department of Youth Welfare Panjab University, Chandigarh, The Department of Youth Services, Welfare & Cultural Affairs, Sanatan Dharma College, under the Initiatives of IQAC organized an intercollege online Poem Recitation Competition and Collage Making Competition to Celebrate International Women's Day: Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a Covid-19 World	8/3/2021
5.	An International Webinar on topic "Analyzing COVID data with R" was organized by the Department of Computer Applications, S.D. College, Hoshiarpur.	18/3/2021
6.	Department of Economics and National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit of Sanatan Dharma College, Hoshiarpur organized One Day National Workshop on "Lending Helping Hands to Covid-19 Patients and Their Family Members" Under the Program Building Emotional Intelligence and Resilience (Case Method of Experiential Teaching and Learning) by Mahatma Gandhi National Council for Rural Education Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Higher Education, Government of India	14/5/2021
7.	A national symposium was organized by the department of History in collaboration with IQAC on the topic "Virtual Learning - Challenges and Future"	21/5/2021
8.	A national webinar was organized by the Department of Political Science and Public Administration in collaboration with IQAC on the topic "Impact of Social Media on Political Interaction with public during Covid-19"	29/5/2021
9.	S.D. College Hoshiarpur organized a Covid Vaccination Camp in the college campus wherein college staff, students, and local community members were vaccinated.	25/6/2021

Besides, the college is sanitized every day, COVID appropriate behavioral norms have been displayed in the campus, entry is not allowed in campus without face mask, temperature of each student, faculty and staff member as well as visitor is monitored at the main gate and at the same place their hands are sanitized, special Foot Operated Sanitizer Dispensers and hand-wash tanks have been installed in the campus, instead of a handshake for greeting the use of "Namaste" is promoted. All these efforts have been focused at prevention and protection against COVID-19.

Evidence of Success

S.D. College, Hoshiarpur has seen a massive success in maximum events organized for prevention and protection against COVID-19. The students, faculty, and staff members are

successfully sensitized for personal and public care. No entry is allowed in the college campus without face mask; temperature is monitored and hands are sanitized at gate; COVID vaccination drives and awareness camps have been successfully organized. Besides, entire campus is sanitized everyday. The usage of special Foot Operated Sanitizer Dispensers and hand-wash tanks have helped reduce the risk of COVID-19.

Resources Required

The journey of prevention and protection against COVID-19 has required various resources which include coordination with district health centers for vaccination drives, infrastructural facilities such as special Foot Operated Sanitizer Dispensers and hand-wash tanks, stitching of face masks, digital thermometers, electric spray pumps to sanitize the campus, publication of COVID awareness pamphlets and flex for various drives, wall paintings for COVID awareness messages, etc.

Challenges

No activity of prevention and protection against COVID-19 has ever been without pitfalls. The major hurdle was to get maximum people jabbed against COVID-19 as most of them had been unwilling to get vaccinations. Besides, shortage of vaccines also created an obstacle. Then, asking people to wear face masks had been another challenge. Above all, online teaching and examinations during COVID period were the real acid tests of the faculty members and the students.