Overcoming the Covid-19 Pandemic

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VIA RESPIRATORY DROPLETS
2–14 days estimated incubation period

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**Guidelines for Hatchery Owners**

1. Entry of visitors or outsiders to be restricted.

2. Maintenance of proper hygiene is basic of hatchery operations.

3. Use face masks and dispose off the used masks after due sanitization.

4. Maintain social distancing during hatchery operations.

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There are no reports to indicate that the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) affect fish or any aquatic animals nor the pathogen is transmitted through fish. However, it is advisable to take ample precautions to avoid transmission and spread of COVID-19 among the farm workers during operations. The Coronavirus can survive i) for 8-12 hours on any hard surface including on any agricultural implements, ii) up to 24 hours in water medium and iii) more than 24 hours under iced/cold condition.

**Guidelines for Fish Farmers**

1. **Entry of visitors or outsiders to be restricted & manage the farm with minimum workforce**

   Only those who are free from symptoms of cold, flue, fever etc. should work in fish farm.

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   Maintain social distancing of minimum 2 meter distance from each other.
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How to maintain personal sanitation?

After the work, wash your hands & legs thoroughly at least for 20-30 seconds with soap or liquid soap.

Soak the reusable Mask in Dettol (10%) for 5-10 minutes, and then wash with clean water and sundry for 5-6 hours before use. Never use used mask without cleaning and disinfecting.

Take a warm water bath with Dettol after attending farm work and before going to own house.

Do not spit in open, especially in farm premises.

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**How to sanitize your farm implements?**

**Household Bleach:** Sodium hypochlorite (NaOCl) also called Dakins solution. Different concentration of solution is commercially available which can further be diluted suitably to 0.25% concentration for spraying. It is very cheap and most preferable.

**Bleaching powder** (with minimum 40% available chlorine) can also be used as disinfectant in both powder and liquid forms. Add 15-20 g of bleaching powder to 10 liters of water, mix well and spray immediately using a mechanical sprayer.

Sanitize all farm implements including boat, feed tray and nets use. The farm building, store, work spaces etc should also be sanitized daily. Sanitize the area around bund and farm sector regularly.