

MAHARASHTRA

FEVER CLINICS -

The Washim district of Maharashtra established fever clinics for early detection of COVID, with a special focus for senior citizens, pregnant women and patients with comorbidities, an action that massively limited the spread of the infection and kept mortality rates low.

BRIHANMUMBAI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (BMC) ACTION PLAN -

This strategy helped contain the COVID outbreak in Worli and Dharavi. The **BMC's Rapid Action Plan** encouraged **50 mobile fever clinics in ambulances** to be pressed into action. The mobile clinics carried out door-to-door screening of residents through a team of doctors who checked for fever and other symptoms, monitored co-morbidities, and collected swabs for suspected cases. While people were assessed by doctors and private clinics through door-to-door screening, people were also screened through mobile vans or surveyed by BMC health workers. Community volunteers screened houses and were equipped with a pulse oximeter and thermal scanner. Fever clinics were established to screen high-risk individuals. Suspected cases were shifted to COVID Care Centres and Quarantine Centres. Public-private partnerships with civil society organizations have been established and BMC has tied up with local doctors, Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana and Desh Apnaye Foundation, among others who are providing support in the form of mobile vans, medicines etc. while isolation, testing and quarantine facilities are looked after by BMC.

TASK FORCE MOBILIZATION -

A special Task Force composed of specialist doctors was formed to minimize death rates and treat critically ill COVID-19 patients. The state has also appointed experts for dialysis, cardiac arrest and diabetes at COVID-19 hospitals.

Tele-ICU -

The Maharashtra state government partnered with Medscape India-AMET to launch a tele-ICU for COVID patients that enables doctors at a remote monitoring centre to assess conditions of patients through monitors attached to every ICU bed, thus allowing access to specialist advice for COVID patients by leveraging technology.