

April 19, 2020

## COVID-19 & AIOTA RESPONSE

**March 22:** AIOTA Advisory on COVID-19 was sent to Members, Branches and institutions carrying guidelines on simple prevention strategies and OT interventions from their specific practice settings. It was also sent to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. Ministry official appreciated this document on personal phone call.

**March 23:** Revised Advisory on COVID-19 with additional information was further sent to Members, Branches and institutions'

**March 24:** On telephonic request from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, an appeal from President AIOTA for Voluntary Registration to strengthen the government to fight the Covid-19 Pandemic along with the guidelines for rendering expertise by occupational therapists was circulated to the members of AIOTA by mails and social media groups.

**Occupational therapy COVID-19 Volunteer form is available on**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/195h2GKi6fQ8dcOSxWhH2mqC8XIVvcZuN\\_UW59vCJoD8/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/195h2GKi6fQ8dcOSxWhH2mqC8XIVvcZuN_UW59vCJoD8/viewform?edit_requested=true)

**March 28:** List of 325 Occupational Therapy Corona Volunteers on Excel Sheet was forwarded to the Ministry along with Contact Details of 17 State Branches of AIOTA and Principal/HOD's of 32 OT Colleges in Government and Private Sector.

**March 29:** The list of 325 OT Corona Warriors compiled State wise, was also sent which was gratefully acknowledged by the Ministry.

**March 30:** A DO Letter sent to National Associations in respect to Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Insurance Scheme for Health workers Fighting Covid-19. Comprehensive Personal Accident Cover of Rs. 50 Lacs for 90 days for those who will be rendering expertise/services through direct /indirect contact in care of COVID -19 patients who may be at risk of being impacted by this was circulated to members. The scheme is effective from 30th March, 2020.

**March 30:** The Letter from AIOTA and Advisory and Appeal for Voluntary Registration by members were sent in soft copy to Prime Minister's office.

**April 7:** Office Memorandum Dated April 7, 2020 reg. iGOT (Integrated Govt. Online Training Courses) by DIKSHA Platform on COVID-19 Pandemic issued by the Ministry of Public Grievances and Pensions , Deptt. of Personnel and Training , Government of India received from the Ministry of Health & FW was circulated to members. It aimed to undergo online courses to combat the challenge of COVID-19 Pandemic in India through our valued expertise and services on flexi time and onsite basis using URL Link <http://igot.gov.in> through our valued expertise and services.

**April 7:** WHO has designed a short online survey available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PHH8ZYT> to obtain input from occupational therapists and other healthcare professionals regarding the development of digital learning applications required in relation to the COVID 19 outbreak. The information was received from WFOT which too was circulated to members, branches and institutions across the country.

**April 10:** Updated compiled list of 400 OT Corona Warriors was sent to Ministry with their contact details.

**April 15: PPT on 'Occupational Therapy Intervention in COVID-19'** In response to request letter dated April 8 and WhatsApp messages from Ministry of Health & FW , a Power Point with narration on 'Occupational Therapy Intervention in COVID-19' for about 25-30 Minutes presentation prepared by All India Occupational Therapists Association (AIOTA) as a teaching/ training module for OT Volunteers and the professionals to assist the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, in combating this challenge of humanity not only in India but globally. This training module is in process of uploading on iGOTSite of the Ministry. This module was prepared by Dr. Neeraj Mishra (New Delhi) in cooperation with Dr. Lakshmanan (Bangalore), Dr. Jyothika Bijalni (Mumbai) and Dr. Anil Srivastava (Lucknow).

The PPT on 'Occupational Therapy Intervention in COVID-19' was also forwarded to WFOT Officials which was appreciated by them all with an assurance that it will also be uploaded on WFOT Website. The PPT will be used as training for trainers and is also made available on AIOTA Website.

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