Along with other life-science labs in the country, CSIR-CCMB has been designated an essential service and will remain functional during the 21-day nation-wide lockdown.

**CCMB has expertise and facilities in virology, molecular biology, diagnostics, cell culture, immunology, genome sequencing and bioinformatics, all of which will be dedicated to assisting national programs.**

Currently, CCMB researchers are participating in:
- Training hospital personnel in testing protocols involving RT-PCR
- Developing methods for large-scale testing of patient samples

Research efforts at CCMB are supported by facility and instrumentation staff, administration, and campus services including canteen, security and all laboratory technical services.

More programs are on the anvil and will be reported soon.