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An Awareness Program-COVID-19.

❖ Title : An Awareness Program-COVID-19.

❖ Organized by : NSS Cell of Yashwantrao Bhonsale College of

Pharmacy, Sawantwadi.

❖ Venue : Seminar Hall
❖ Date : 14th March 2020
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Introduction -. Human coronaviruses were first identified in the mid-1960s. Coronaviruses are named for the crown-like spikes on their surface. There are four main sub-groupings of coronaviruses, known as alpha, beta, gamma, and delta. Transmission is usually via airborne droplets to the nasal mucosa. Virus replicates locally in cells of the ciliated epithelium, causing cell damage and inflammation. Coronaviruses are found in avian and mammalian species. They resemble each other in morphology and chemical structure: for example, the coronaviruses of humans and cattle are antigenically related.

Objectives -

- 1. To spread awareness in society specially to non-teaching staff members related to this pandemic COVID-19 virus.
- 2. To Guide people how to take prevention from the COVID -19 virus.

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Details of the Program:-

As a part of social responsibility NSS cell of YBCP had organized an awareness activity on preventive measures for Coronaviruses pandemic With the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, as declared by World Health Organization (WHO) as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, awareness programme was organized from NSS Department 14-03-2020 focusing more on preventive aspects to protect the health care staff.

The programme started at 12:30 pm at YBCP auditorium. Hon'ble Dr.Vijay A. Jagtap, Principal of YBCP, addressed the gathering regarding on going outbreak of COVID-19 in India. He mentioned various definition like **Probable case**, **Suspected case** and stressed the information of how and when will some suspect will be said as **Confirmed Case**. He said laboratory diagnosis to confirm the COVID-19 infection is confirmatory as per WHO guidelines.

He guided on

- a) Who should be diagnosed as COVID-19 infection?
- b) Should mask needs to be used compulsorily
- c) What is Isolation and Quarantine with respect to COVID-19 infection?

This was followed by talk from HOD of Integrated Diploma Pharmacy Mr. Sattyajit Sathe who stressed on importance of Prevention of infection with proper precaution appreciating the efforts of NSS team at this time. He mentioned special note on "Social distancing" and how effective it can be in controlling the spread.

Personal protection where a video was put regarding on *How to wear a mask and how to dispose them accordingly*. A small note on cough etiquette was mentioned especially **use of flexed elbow** as by WHO. Regular Hand wash, use of protective mask, regular disinfection, use of sanitizers, maintaining food safety and social distancing were stressed with a video.

These were most of the queries of the audience. Dr. Vijay A. Jagtap mentioned clearly the to follow the WHO guidelines to diagnose COVID-19 infection. He also said need of mask only when suffering from medical illness, personal hygiene and cough etiquette, regular hand wash is more essential. He defined the standard WHO definition of Isolation and Quarantine with respect to COVID-19 infection as mentioned by WHO. Videos were shown on few myths circulating in social media regarding cure on COVID-19 infection regarding judicious use of mask and more emphasis was on personal protection.

Authentic material stating preventive measures to be taken was downloaded from WHO site and all the staff and students were circulated & communicated about same via e-mail, WhatsApp and pamphlets also. Special session in Marathi was arranged for non-teaching staff to make them aware about preventive measures. On this occasion Dr. Vijay A. Jagtap, Principal Our College guided all the non-teaching staff on preventive measures to be taken during COVID -19 era. Mr. Sattyajit Sathe, HOD of Integrated Diploma Pharmacy taught How to make handmade mask of the cloth. Students, with help of Assistant Professor Mrs. Ovi O. Pradkar and lectureer Ms. Sneha Sawant prepared hand Sanitizer nearly 3 lirs for use in college and campus. Students demonstrated how to use the sanitizer and showed all the steps. Faculty and students were instructed to enroll for a WHO online course about prevention of Coronavirus flu. Biometric attendance was withheld.

Impact –

- 1. All the people in the audience were made aware of the spread of the CORONA virus
- 2. Non-teaching staff understood the correct way of using sanitizer and washing the hands.
- 3. Non-teaching staff also became aware of the importance of using nose mask and how to make handmade nose mask

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Glimpses of the program



















