INDIA COVID SOS is an international non-profit volunteer group of scientists, clinicians, engineers, policy-makers, community organizers, and industrial partners. We are building, sharing and deploying evidence-based solutions that are deeply rooted in scientific principles and aiming to mitigate the COVID-19 crisis as we work alongside communities on the ground. We also extend a clarion call to all the other agencies and individuals who'd like to join us in this coalition against COVID-19.

**Meeting Announcement**

India COVID SOS holds a weekly call on Mondays at 7 PM PST (Tuesdays at 7.30 AM IST) at [https://cutt.ly/icovsos-weekly](https://cutt.ly/icovsos-weekly).
On June 14, guest speakers Dr. S. Lalitha and Dr. Regi George from Tribal Health Initiative will join the all-team call at 7 PM PST. India COVID SOS is proud to support Tribal Health Initiative in its efforts to fundraise for setting up a 15-bed facility to provide COVID-19 care for patients from tribal communities in Tamil Nadu. You can learn more about the organization and support them [here](#).

INFOGRAPHIC - Prevention and early diagnosis of mucor

![Infographic for prevention and early diagnosis of mucor](#)

The NOVID Act led by Rep. Pramila Jayapal, Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, Senator Merkley and Senator Elizabeth Warren will be introduced in the House soon. It will authorize spending for $34 billion towards vaccine production, purchase, and delivery in various countries around the world, including India, as well as a global disease surveillance network.
If you currently reside in the US (if you are in the US on a visa as a student, an academic or an employee – yep, that means you too!), you can support us by sharing personal experiences of India’s second wave and amplify the need to act by meeting with your Senators and Representatives.

India COVID SOS has partnered with Right to Health Action (R2H) to provide you an easy way to contact your Senators and Representatives. Please fill in your details at this link. You will then get a Zoom link for (i) a short optional training session if you want to learn how to communicate your concerns most effectively and (ii) a meeting with the staffers of your Senator and Representative that we will take care of setting up along with R2H.

EQUIPMENT DONATION DRIVE
India COVID SOS volunteers are collecting CPAP/BiPAP machines and repurposing them into special use ventilators by adding custom adapters to support patients with COVID-19 associated breathing problems (read here to learn more). So far, the team has shipped 300+ such devices to several parts in India. We have now expanded our donation drive to the Bay Area, San Diego, Seattle, East Bay and Fresno area. If you wish to donate in these regions or start a donation drive in your region, please see here for more instructions.

VOLUNTEER'S CORNER

Dr. Vasundhara Rangaswamy is currently a part of a rural health exposure fellowship program that allows her to go to different rural health care organizations. Currently, she is working with Jan Swasthya Sahyog, a health care organization in rural Chhattisgarh. During the second wave, she has prepared and helped others prepare training material and given several pieces of training on COVID awareness related to the disease, its prevention, home-care, vaccination, and post-COVID sequelae, both in person and over zoom to partners of AID, of India COVID SOS and others across many Indian states. She states - "The most revealing of all has been (her) visits to the villages, talking to people one-on-one. We realize the gap of knowledge, of mistrust in public health systems, of issues that need to be considered while rolling out programs. It is an uphill task. I wouldn't dare to dream to see a drastic behavior or situation change in this pandemic. However, if we wish to keep our eyes (and hearts) open, pandemic stories from rural India have reiterated the need to build trust in them for us, be with them and walk with them (us=privileged). It is an exercise for many many years to come and why not? We have left them behind for centuries."

To know more about her, you can watch her recent interview at BBC here.
If you wish to send us your stories/experiences of the pandemic, write to us at indiacovidsos2021@gmail.com.

Dr. Vasundhara Rangaswamy talking to Jholachaaps, unregistered medical practitioners to create awareness regarding COVID-19, giving them pulse oximeters and teaching them how to recognize severe cases and early referral.