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*Standing together during crisis situations will be a testament to our grit, character and attitude! We are all One! We stand together in each of our trying situation making us stronger and more aware!*

**Dear Friends,**

Our country is reeling under the third wave of the Covid-19 virus perpetrated by the delta and omicron variants. On 17.01.2022 alone, the country reported an addition of over 2.38 lakh new cases and an active case load of over 3.76 crores. Fortunately, the lower fatality rate may be at our side this time, but the highly transmissible variant has again applied brakes to the daily lives of country's citizenry.

We bankers working in the front lines, while serving the underserved, are once again becoming potential victims of this highly transmissible variant. Who can forget the collective pain we all have undergone during the second wave, with the hardships still vividly etched in our memories. In the above backdrop, it becomes more so important to take utmost precaution to again follow the mandated **Covid appropriate behaviour** and avoid becoming the host for the virus not just for ourselves but for our near and dear ones.

Assessing the gravity of the situation, our bank has also come out with circulars charting out the preventive measures (**HO Circ. IC/15/2022 dated 07.01.2022 and thereafter**). The same were in line with general guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures communicated by the Central and State governments.

Friends, I strongly encourage each and every one of you to keep yourself updated with the recent guidelines as communicated from time to time, follow the Covid appropriate behaviour and help our country, our organization and our families to pass through this phase with minimal hardships. Eventually, it all depends on our disciplined approach.

**We have done it before; we will show it again!**

To help the members in a better manner, I request the CCOs to form a team of functionaries and office bearers at the respective Circle level:

- *To ensure active flow of information of members getting affected by COVID-19.*
- *To ensure continuous contact with the colleagues who have contracted the virus providing them the comfort that the organization is always there for them.*
- *To establish good contacts with hospitals and doctors and quarantine centres.*
- *To assist our members and colleagues in getting admitted to hospitals.*
- *To keep in readiness other medical necessities such as oxygen cylinders for the benefit of members.*

Teams may also be formed at the Regional levels by the Regional Secretaries with office bearers and functionaries as members in order to ensure the above.

Friends, let us all strive to sail through this current Covid wave and work together to ensure the safety of each one of us along with our families. Let's all be unambiguous in following the Covid appropriate behaviour during all the times. All of us share equal responsibility in coming out of this crisis unscathed! **I have immense faith on your capabilities, as always.**

***Discipline in CBOA - Development in Canara Bank***

Your General Secretary



**K Ravikumar**