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Covid-19 test a must for all attending assembly session

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Bengaluru: All MLAs, officials and journalists attending the 10-day monsoon session of the legislature will have to undergo the RT-PCR test for Covid-19.

The session, which begins on September 21, will be held in the assembly and council halls at Vidhana Soudha. Officials had briefly considered an alternative location before concluding that the halls are big enough to ensure social distancing.

"All those attending the session must produce the report of the Covid-19 test, which should be conducted three days before the start of the session," assembly speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri told reporters on Tuesday. Arrangements have been made

for MLAs to take the test in their respective taluk and district headquarters or in Bengaluru.

For officials and members of the media, arrangements will be made at Vidhana Soudha from September 18, Kageri said, adding that even those who had recovered from Covid-19 would have to undergo a fresh test. The legislature secretariat has taken all health-safety precautions.

No suspension of question hour

Kageri said all businesses of the legislature, including the question hour and calling attention, would be allowed. There was speculation the state government might follow the Centre's steps and suspend the question hour, citing Covid-19. "We are allowing all businesses," he said.