HEALTH ADVISORY

WE WANT YOU SAFE.....KEEP MONSOON DISEASE-FREE

The long awaited monsoon season is here, bringing relief from the heat; but the moderate temperatures and humidity are also a breeding ground for various viral infections as well as mosquito, food and water borne diseases.

To guard against these, here are a few tips to stay healthy during the rains:-

<u>Battling the Mosquito menace to fight Malaria, Dengue and Chikungunya</u>

- Get rid of stagnant water around your house, in discarded flower pots, cans, tyres, buckets, coolers, ditches and drains
- Use mosquito repellants outdoors and indoors, in the form of sprays, creams, coils and electronic liquid dispensers
- Keep windows and doors shut, to prevent mosquitoes entering your house
- Wear clothes which cover your arms and legs to prevent mosquito bites

<u>Prevent Waterborne infections- Acute Gastroenteritis, Jaundice and Typhoid</u>

- Drink and carry filtered/boiled water from home, bottled water when outside
- Wash hands frequently, especially before and after meals, after visiting the washroom
- Use and carry hand sanitizers with you
- Avoid eating outside, specially raw, pre-cut and uncovered food sold in the open, like chaat, salads, fruits and juices
- Eat freshly made home cooked food and discard leftovers as far as possible

<u>Guard against Airborne infections- Viral fever ,Conjunctivitis</u> and Influenza

- Avoid shaking hands, sharing food ,water and clothes, with someone who
 is sick ,or when sick yourself
- Wash hands frequently, as well as use hand sanitizers often, to avoid being infected
- Minimize contamination of hands, avoid touching door handles, table tops, lift buttons, stair banisters, railings in public places
- Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough, to avoid infecting people around you
- Use disposable tissues if you have cough and cold and discard them immediately after use
- Improve your immunity by getting adequate sleep, at least 8 hours, drinking 3 liters of water every day and eating a healthy diet with fruits
- Take rest and stay at home if feeling unwell for a speedy recovery and to avoid infecting others