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CM has mild COVID-19 symptoms; may stay in hospital for eight to 10 days

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Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who was admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru on Sunday night after he tested positive for COVID-19, has mild symptoms.

Manipal Hospital has stated that he was admitted here around 11 p.m. on Sunday with mild symptoms. "At present, he is doing well and is clinically stable. He is being treated and monitored closely by a multidisciplinary team of doctors," according to a statement from the hospital.

Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar, who is in charge of COVID-19 affairs, told media persons on Monday that "the Chief Minister will have to remain hospital-



Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa was admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru on Sunday night. ■ FILE PHOTO

ised for eight to 10 days".

Meanwhile, the 77-year-old Chief Minister released a video message from the hospital stating that there were no complications and that he would get well soon and

return home.

Seeking to allay fears about administration not being monitored, Mr. Yediyurappa said he had been in touch with officers to ensure that work is not hampered. "There is no need for any panic. I will be cured and will resume work as soon as possible," he said. Ending speculation on who would lead the administration while he is hospitalised, Mr Yediyurappa indicated that he would monitor the administration from hospital through videoconferencing.

Confusion appears to have gripped the Chief Minister's primary contacts among Ministers and top bureaucrats of the protocols to be followed. While some Ministers opted for self-isola-

tion, several senior bureaucrats chose quick COVID-19 tests instead of isolation to prevent the administration set up from being hit by mass isolation.

Residence, office sealed
Meanwhile, the test report of six of Mr. Yediyurappa's his staff members returned positive on Monday leading to the official residence 'Krishna' and home office 'Cauvery' being sealed for five days.

CMO sources said those who tested positive include a driver to an officer on special duty, a gunman, a police personnel deputed at the gate, and three house maintenance staff.

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