



**Dr.M.Ramaswamy**

Senior Pediatrician  
Honorary Medical Director, Masonic Medical Centre for Children  
Mentor, International Center for Child and Public Health

will be the expert leading a session on  
**'Child care and Family health During Covid -19 pandemic and beyond'**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
between 11.30am -12.30p.m @ Shanti Ashram

**The COVID 19 Pandemic:** The devastating impact of corona virus and its many threats to health and economy are already bringing sweeping change to governments, industries, and ordinary family life. A curtailment of daily freedoms and the uncertainties are all shared around work place, business and associated income stream. These have become part of the new 'normal' and we struggle to establish new routines for daily living in these most difficult circumstances\*.


In January 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak of a new corona virus disease, COVID-19. Within a few weeks they declared it to be a Public Health emergency of global concern. WHO stated that there is a high risk of COVID-19 spreading to countries around the world in a very short span. In March 2020, WHO made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic.

**As of July 2020, around 1.5 billion children are out of school worldwide.**

**Some concerns amongst parents are:** Can my child be infected? Where should I go to seek care? When should we be testing? As a family, what can we do to stay healthy - physically and mentally - during this unprecedented lock down? Child Health practitioners and Public Health experts have also been raising the same questions and drawing up protocols to provide medical care and community centered interventions. So here is an attempt to initiate a dialogue with parents so that OUR CHILDREN benefit from our care and our collective thinking.

Shanti Ashram & the International Center for Child and Public Health has prioritized children particularly vulnerable children during COVID 19. We have studied the needs of the community, innovated and continued critical services to children through-out the lockdown. A composite 13 intervention agenda for the protection and care of children is being currently implemented by us.

The International Center for Child and Public Health shares WHO's mandate and advances its 2<sup>nd</sup> programme goal to provide comprehensive, integrated and responsive health services in community-based settings. A series of community centered interventions, talks by experts, papers and field research continues to form part of the ICPH 2020 actionagenda.

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## Profile of the speaker:



### Dr.M.Ramaswamy

As we see him.....

#### Paediatrician par excellence

A million children treated over 50 years of Practice in greater Coimbatore. He currently serves as the Honorary Medical Director at the Masonic Medical Centre for Children in Coimbatore. Beginning with his residency training in Paediatrics, he has collaborated closely with his mentor Prof Arnold H Einhorn, a co- editor of the Barnett - Rudolph's Text Book of Pediatrics. He completed his MBBS degree from the Madras Medical College in the year 1964. He has to his credit several presentations and has given orations at regional, national and international gatherings on a variety of topics in general Pediatrics

#### Pathfinder

Help set up 5 institutions of global quality across Coimbatore to provide essential child health services. They include Masonic Medical Centre for Children, the busiest Children's Hospital in the city which serves over 50,000 children annually. He serves as Chief Mentor to International Centre for Child and Public Health.

#### Acharya

Over 200 Paediatricians and 3 generations of parents have been influenced by his scientific temperament, compassionate care and ethical commitment of 'Health for all'

#### Family man

A devoted father & husband, he has been a loving elder to his immediate family and the 'Periya kudumbam' he has created around the world

#### Inspiring Human being

His personal example, affectionate support, legacy of social responsibility, global thinking, constructive collaboration and power of persuasion for the common good remains a 'lesson on life' for generations to come.

## Programme:

- 11.30 am **Context setting:** Dr.Subhadra Iyengar, Public Health Desk, ICPH
- 11.35 **Introduction of the speaker:** Dr.Jayanthi Ramesh, Senior Pediatrician, ICPH
- 11.40 **Child care and Family health during the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond'**  
**Dr.M.Ramaswamy**, Senior Paediatrician Honorary Medical Director, Masonic Medical Centre for Children Mentor, International Center for Child and Public Health (ICPH)
- 12.15 **Q & A led by** Shri.Vijayaragavan, Head, Youth Leadership Programme, Shanti Ashram
- 12.30 pm **Concluding Remarks:** Dr.Kezevino Aram, President, Shanti Ashram