Patient presentation during COVID-19 epidemic at your facility

Does the patient have at least one of the following:

1. A history of travel to or residence in a country that has reported cases of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
2. A history of contact with a person who has travelled to a COVID-19 reported country in the last 14 days?
3. A history of contact with an individual who has been diagnosed or is suspected to have COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
4. Worked or visited a health facility where patients with COVID-19 infections have been reported in the last 14 days

High risk patient | **YES**

NOTIFY hospital IPC team of suspected case. Telephone number

Does the patient have the following symptoms:

Fever | Cough | Difficulty in breathing

High risk patient | **YES**

1. Give patient face mask, and proceed to isolation area for history taking, vital signs (temp / BP / pulse rate / respiratory rate / oxygen saturation) and physical examination
2. Medical staff should wear appropriate PPE and proceed to isolation room for further history taking and examination
3. Assess for severity of symptoms and comorbidities
4. Arrange for laboratory testing and imaging

Does patient require admission

Severe or critical illness | **YES**

1. Inform medical doctor/ specialist on call at facility
   OR
2. Plan to refer - inform referral chain of need to isolate patient during transfer

Mild and moderate illness | **NO**

1. Discharge home and advice to self isolate at home. Educate on COVID-19 handwashing, cough hygiene and transmission prevention practices
   OR
2. Transfer to designated quarantine facility for 14 days and monitor actively
3. If patient has comorbidities, ensure these are also taken care of prior to leaving the facility
4. If symptoms worsen, seek medical advice
5. Maintain follow up contact within 7-14 days
6. Give hotline numbers to call:

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This triage algorithm is effective as at 26th March 2020. Case management of COVID-19 is rapidly evolving, and best practice is advised to reference with current Ministry of Health guidelines.