

# Patient presentation during COVID-19 epidemic at your facility

Does the patient have at least one of the following:

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| <p><b>1</b> A history of travel to or residence in a country that has reported cases of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?</p> | <p><b>2</b> A history of contact with a person who has travelled to a COVID-19 reported country in the last 14 days?</p> | <p><b>3</b> A history of contact with an individual who has been diagnosed or is suspected to have COVID-19 in the last 14 days?</p> | <p><b>4</b> Worked or visited a health facility where patients with COVID-19 infections have been reported in the last 14 days</p> |
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**High risk patient** | **YES**

**NO** | **Medium risk patient**

**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**

**NO** | **Low risk patient**

- 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

- 1** Proceed to normal triage process for other illnesses
- 2** Educate on COVID -19 risks, symptoms and signs and to report to hospital if they occur
- 3** Maintain follow up contact within 7- 14 days

Does patient require admission

**Severe or critical illness** | **YES**

**NO** | **Mild and moderate illness**

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

- 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: