

مركز الأمراض الإنتقالية Communicable Disease Center

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ATTENTION	Dr. Saad Al- Kaabi Chairman of the System-Wide Incident Command and Control (SWICC) Committee Changes	DATE	9 th April 2020
FROM	Dr. Muna Al Maslamani Medical Director, CDC and Medical Director of All Covid-19 Cases across State of Qatar	REF. NO.	042CDC/MD/MM-20-GV Dr. Muna Al Maslamani Medical Director Communicable Disease Center / CDC - HMC
SUBJECT	Covid-19 Screening for Emergency Surgery 008813		
<input type="checkbox"/> URGENT <input type="checkbox"/> CONFIDENTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PLEASE PROCESS <input type="checkbox"/> FYI			

In reference to the above- mentioned subject, kindly approve providing COVID-19 screening to be done for all pre-operating / procedure cases needing urgent procedures. However, this should not interfere with the management of the case and emergency cases will need to proceed with full preferred PPE or acceptable alternative PPE.

For patients who are known to be COVID-19 positive or highly clinical suspicion for COVID-19 infection, non- operative management is preferred, if feasible and safe for the patient.

If operation is required in these patients, then appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be utilized and minimum staff should be present in the operating theatre room and all doors should be closed with strict traffic control. Then the operating team need to proceed with full preferred PPE (N95 mask, face shield or goggles, gloves & isolation gowns) or acceptable alternative PPE (Face Shield or goggles, face mask, gloves & isolation gowns).

Attached is the illustration of the Preferred & Acceptable Alternative PPE for your kind reference.

Thank you.

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Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) When Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19

Before caring for patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19, healthcare personnel (HCP) must:

- **Receive comprehensive training** on when and what PPE is necessary, how to don (put on) and doff (take off) PPE, limitations of PPE, and proper care, maintenance, and disposal of PPE.
- **Demonstrate competency** in performing appropriate infection control practices and procedures.

Remember:

- PPE must be donned correctly before entering the patient area (e.g., isolation room, unit if cohorting).
- PPE must remain in place and be worn correctly for the duration of work in potentially contaminated areas. PPE should not be adjusted (e.g., retying gown, adjusting respirator/facemask) during patient care.
- PPE must be removed slowly and deliberately in a sequence that prevents self-contamination. A step-by-step process should be developed and used during training and patient care.

Preferred PPE – Use N95 or Higher Respirator



Acceptable Alternative PPE – Use Facemask



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