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To: Directors of Healthcare Facilities in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

Subject: Novel Coronavirus Circular (COVID-19)

Greetings,

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Second: Healthcare facilities responsibilities

- Healthcare facilities where COVID-19 samples were collected, should notify ONLY confirmed COVID-19 PCR results to ADPHC using the infectious diseases notification system (IDN) immediately after receiving the result from the lab by selecting Coronavirus (COVID-19) from the IDN list.

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أولاً: المختبرات التي تقوم بفحص COVID-19

يجري على المختبرات التي تقوم بفحص COVID-19 ببلاغ المشاكل الصحية بالنتائج الإيجابية للعينات المرسلة منها على الفور. على المختبرات الصحية الاتفاق مع المختبرات التي تقوم بإرسال العينات إليها على آلية فورية وفعالة للإبلاغ عن النتائج الإيجابية.

ثانياً: مسؤوليات المشاكل الصحية

- يجب على المشاكل الصحية التي قامت بطلب الفحص ووردت نتائج إيجابية من المختبرات القيام بالإبلاغ عن هذه الحالات فورًا من خلال نظام التبليغ الإلكتروني عن الأمراض المعدية وذلك باختيار Coronavirus (COVID-19) من قائمة الأمراض المعدية وذلك لجميع الحالات المفتوحة في المشاكل سواء كانت الحالات التي تتلقى العلاج داخل أو خارج المشاكل.

رابط التبليغ عن الأمراض المعدية:
https://bpmweb.haad.ae/UserManagement/Login.aspx
• يجب على المنشآت الصحية تنسيق دخول الحالات إلى المستشفى وإذا لم يكن السرير متاحًا، تقوم المنشأة بالتنسيق مع مركز عمليات دائرة الصحة.

• يجب جمع عينة ثانية في غضون 24 ساعة لجميع الحالات الإيجابية وذلك للتحقق من النتيجة الإيجابية على العينة الأولى.

• يرجى اتباع الإجراءات المطلوبة لمقدمي الرعاية الصحية الذين تتعاملوا مع حالات مؤكدة COVID-19.

• يرجى الاطلاع على المرفق 1.

ملاحظات:
• إن التبليغ عن الأمراض المعدية بما فيها فيروس كورونا المستجد إلزامي طبقاً للفقانون الاتحادي. يجب أن يتم التبليغ فوراً.

• يحق لدائرة الصحة في الادارة تطبيق عقوبات على المنشآت الصحية غير المتزامنة بالإبلاغ الفوري عن الإصابات.

• الروابط المرفق:
- Dr. Mariam Al Mulla - Section Head, Communicable Diseases - via email: mallmulla@adphc.gov.ae

For coordination:
Please communicate with Dr. Mariam Al Mulla - Section Head, Communicable Diseases - via email: mallmulla@adphc.gov.ae

Thanking you for your kind cooperation.

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Appendices:
Contact tracing in Health care setting.
Contact Tracing for COVID-19 in Health care setting

Protected exposure with proper PPE

Symptomatic

Exclude from work and test for COVID-19

Positive PCR

Admit and isolate

Negative PCR

Allow daily normal activity when symptoms free

Unprotected exposure (no proper PPE)

Trace all HCWs with unprotected exposure and screen them for COVID-19 regardless of symptoms

Asymptomatic

Negative PCR

• Monitor symptoms for 14 days from exposure
• Work with surgical mask on
• Repeat test if symptoms appear within 14 days of unprotected exposure

Admit and isolate

Positive PCR

Admit and isolate

Consider screening staff exposed to COVID-19 patients regularly even if there are protected with proper PPE.

Exposure duration is defined from date of illness onset in index case and throughout their symptomatic period.

Healthcare worker who provided direct clinical or personal care or examination of confirmed case of COVID-19 or was within 2m of a confirmed case or had direct contacts with body fluids from a confirmed case for any length of time is considered as close contact.

Extra caution is required for HCWs performing aerosol generating procedures.