

## MANAGEMENT OF PUI

### 1. ADMISSION CRITERIA

- 1.1 PUI COVID-19 who is clinically ill
- 1.2 PUI COVID-19 with uncontrolled medical conditions, immunocompromised status, pregnant women, extremes of age (< 2 or > 65 years old)
- 1.3 Laboratory confirmed case (asymptomatic or symptomatic)

\*\* PUI who do not fulfil this criteria but are not suitable for home surveillance, to consider admission in quarantine station (annex 32)

### 2. TRANSFER TO A STEP-DOWN FACILITY

Confirmed COVID-19 who fulfilled below criteria :

- 2.1 At least seven days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND
- 2.2 At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery of symptoms (defined as resolution of fever without antipyretics and improvement in respiratory symptoms [eg, cough, shortness of breath]) AND stable co-morbid

Patient can be transferred to identified Step Down Centers until discharge.

Step Down Center can be from an identified ward in district hospital or an area which is suitable within the acute hospital.

The coordination and management of these centers is under the responsibility of the hospital.

Daily monitoring by medical personnel must be done in this center.

### 3. CRITERIA FOR DISCHARGE FROM WARD

- 3.1 At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery of symptoms (defined as resolution of fever without antipyretics and improvement in respiratory symptoms [eg, cough, shortness of breath]) **AND**
- 3.2 At least 1 sample (OP/NP swab) is negative.

The sample is to be taken after day 13 of illness.

**4. CHECKLIST FOR SUITABILITY OF PUI TO UNDERGO HOME SURVEILLANCE:**

(The checklist is provided as a guide, hence the assessment of patient suitability for home surveillance is tailored from one patient to another).

- 4.1 has a separate bedroom with en-suite bathroom (preferable); if not, common bathroom with
- 4.2 frequent disinfection
- 4.3 has access to food and other necessities
- 4.4 has access to face mask, glove and disinfectant at home
- 4.5 able to seek medical care if necessary and return with own private transport
- 4.6 able to adhere to instruction to follow home surveillance order
- 4.7 able to stay away (at least 2 meter apart) from the high-risk household members (eg. people > 65 years old, young children <2 years, pregnant women, people who are immunocompromised or who have chronic lung, kidney, heart disease)