

MANAGEMENT OF PUI AS OUTPATIENTS

(Refer to the flowchart below)

1. Patients who come to any health facilities should be screened for suspected COVID-19 at triage.
 - a. using Case Definition For Person Under Investigation (PUI): **Refer Annex 1**
 - b. A special area should be set up for COVID-19, to which he / she can come directly and to be assessed there.
 - i. and be managed by a dedicated team where possible.

IF CRITERIA OF PUI IS SUSPECTED, Consult with Physician-on-call of screening hospital for decision on whether:

- PUIs is fulfilled and further review of patients at screening hospitals is needed
 - PUI is fulfilled and requires admission to admitting hospital (Annex 2)
 - PUI has been ruled out
1. PUI who **do not require** admission shall be referred to the nearest screening hospital / centre using either:
 - own transport **OR**
 - arrange for designated ambulance from MECC.
 2. PUI who **requires admission** shall be transferred to admitting hospital using designated ambulance as above.
 3. Management of PUI at screening hospital / centre
 - PUI from GP/private hospital shall be reassessed by screening hospital / centre and either will be admitted to admitting hospital or not
 - Screening hospital / centre to inform the admitting hospital if admission needed
 - PUI shall be sent to the admitting hospital using **designated ambulance**.
 - Those PUI who do not fulfill admission criteria will be assessed for suitability of home surveillance (see checklist in annex 2)
 - If home surveillance is deemed suitable:

- Sample shall be taken at screening hospital / centre
- They shall send home and put under Home Surveillance Order for 14 days (Annex 15a)
- Samples of PUI should be send to Hospital Lab/IMR (Annex 4a)
- Explain to patient regarding home surveillance and COVID-19 infection and risk of transmission to family and community
 - Provide Home Assessment Tool (Annex 10a,10b)
 - Notify PUI COVID-19 to PKD.
- If home surveillance is deemed unsuitable, to consider admitted patient to a quarantine station (see annex quarantine station)

All patients fulfilling PUI criteria require notification to the nearest PKD through telephone, fax or email using notification form (Annex 7) .

INFECTION, PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC) – see annex on IPC

4. All health care workers involved in managing the PUI shall adhere to the Infection and Prevention Control Guideline at all time.
5. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) shall be used per recommendation in the infection control annex

** screening hospital is listed in Annex 3. However, JKN may identify appropriate screening centre if necessary. Please consult with respective PKD/JKN.

