

## **Circular No. (35)**

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

### **To all Healthcare Facilities and all Professionals in Government and Private Sector**

**As per Bahrain Covid-19 National Protocols issued by the National Task force please be aware of the followings**

**❖ Presentation of a suspected case of Covid 19:**

1. Any Symptoms of Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath, loss of smell or taste, or Gastrointestinal symptoms
2. Acute respiratory illness with or without fever
3. Any patient with community acquired pneumonia requiring admission (especially if ICU admission OR Bilateral radiological infiltrates OR Hypoxic Respiratory failure)
4. Any admitted inpatient with unexplained severe acute respiratory infection (SARI)
5. Contact with a positive case with SARS-CoV2, with or without symptoms
6. History of Travel, with or without symptoms

**❖ Also be aware of the following presentation:**

1. Any patient revisits a clinic more than once with symptoms suspecting COVID-19, regardless of swab result, patient should be referred to A/E for evaluation, assessment and testing.
2. Any patient age 60 and above with co-morbidities, having symptoms other than the above if suspected, should be booked for a swab through 444.

❖ Please use the following visual triage check list to be done on entry of patients, in order to early identify suspected cases and to isolate early if necessary

- Visual triage is to be used at Health Centers, A/E, Private Clinics and any Outpatient healthcare setting.
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### Visual triage checklist

Risks	Score
<b>A. Exposure risk</b>	
Contact with a confirmed case of COVID19 in the last 14days prior to symptoms onset OR Lived or worked in a facility known to be experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 in the last 10 days prior to onset of symptoms	3
<b>B. Clinical Signs and Symptoms</b>	
Fever or recent history of fever	4
Cough (new or wrosening)	4
Shortness of breath (new or wrosening)	4
Headache, sore throat or rhinorrhea	1
Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea	1
Chronic renal failure, Chronic heart disease, immunocompromised patient	1
<b>Total Risk Score (A +B)</b>	

❖ Please visit the full protocol at [www.nhra.bh](http://www.nhra.bh)

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