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**COVID-19:
ADVISORY RELATED TO
AMBULANCE TRANSFER**

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All activities need to be conducted in consultation with department of health

Personnel involved in these operations need to be trained by the master trainers of the district.

Advisory related to Ambulance Transfer

When a suspect case of COVID 19 patient has to be transported, the following precautions should be taken by ambulance personnel accompanying the patient:

Advisory
1. On arrival to the healthcare facility from where the patient is to be transferred.
▪ Ensure decontamination of hands;
▪ Ensure that all personnel involved for transportation of patients and with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); and
▪ Ensure that the hospital is informed about the admission/transfer of a potentially infectious person;
2. Before leaving the house/healthcare facility
▪ Ensure that the patient is wearing a surgical mask (if tolerated) and advise on Respiratory Hygiene and Cough Etiquette; and
▪ Ensure that a patient with suspected or confirmed COVID 19 is not travel with other patients.
3. In ambulance
▪ Ensure that before touching the patients, the personnel handling the patient remove old gloves, decontaminate hands and put on new gloves;
▪ Ensure that disposable linen is used, if available; and
▪ Ensure that driver is with PPE, if the driver's chamber is not separate in the Ambulance.
4. Arrival to the referral hospital
▪ Ensure that before the patient leaves, the ambulance ensure arrangements are in place for receipt of the patient; and
▪ Ensure that after transfer of patient, the personnel concerned removed PPE and destroyed.
5. Before ambulance is used again
▪ Ensure cleaning and disinfecting (PPE as outlined above should be worn while cleaning) surfaces (stretcher, chair, door handles etc) with a freshly prepared 1% hypochlorite solution or equivalent;
▪ Ensure laundry;
▪ Ensure decontamination of Medical equipment;
▪ Ensure management of waste;
▪ Ensure management of sharps; and
▪ Ensure management of spillages of blood and body fluids.