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Director,
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All consultant units,
MOIC OPD,
All unit in-charge officers.

INTERNAL CIRCULAR 08 / 2021 COVID 19

Considering the prevailing situation, with adherence to the DGHS circular in providing essential services to COVID-19 patients as a Level III care centre and decision made by COVID stakeholder meeting, consultant meeting and meeting head with, General surgical consultant units, revised COVID care level will be implemented till next review under following;

1. Care level plan
2. COVID team responsibilities
3. Updated guidelines

1. CARE LEVEL (III) PLAN

COVID care level	Ward / Unit name	Existing unit name	Bed capacity	Expected care level for patient management
Male General	24 E	wd 15	44	I. Level III & level II receiving unit II. Specialize units for positive male patients
Female General	24 C	wd 16	43	I. Level III & level II receiving unit II. Specialize units for positive female patients
HDU male & female	24 B	24 B	22	High flow / device patients
HDU staff	24B (cubicle)	24 B	6	
High end HDU	24 A	24 A	12	High flow , C PAP ,ect.
COVID ICU (1)	24 A	24 A (ICU)	4	ICU care
COVID paediatric unit	COVID paediatric unit	23 paediatric	12	paediatric care, up to HDU
COVID Neonatal PBU/ NICU	COVID NICU / PBU	NICU	6	I. Neonatal Intensive care II. up to 5 kg paediatric Intensive care
COVID Obs unit	24 D	Wd 3 acute side	20	I. COVID Obs II. COVID Obs HDU
COVID ICU II	COVID ICU 2	MICU	3	I. ICU care II. Paediatric ICU bed >5 kg

In operating above plan following ward/unit will be shifted and patients should be managed and directed appropriately.

- I. Ward 15 male medical ward will be converted to a COVID male ward (24E).
- II. Surgical C side ward 8 (male) will move to surgical ward A & B male wards 9 &11 on a sharing basis.
- III. Medical A male ward will be temporarily shifted to ward 8 and will operate as the medical A male unit.
- IV. Once the COVID- 19 level (III) need settles this temporary arrangement will be reverted back.
- V. Since surgical male beds are limited, it is essential to take over the patients and manage them in their respective specializes surgical units.

VI. If any patient being transferred or referred by a General surgeon in DGH / BH, after excluded surgical pathology admit to respective specializes surgical units to minimize the burden to wd 9 & wd 11.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

COVID care level	Unit	Consultant Responsibility	Medical Officer	Nursing officer	Junior staff
COVID Male	24 E	VP, Specialist unit consultant	RHO /MO	Existing Nursing officer	Existing Junior staff
Female COVID	24 C	VP, Specialist unit consultant	RHO	Existing Nursing officer	Existing Junior staff
HDU	24 B	VP	MO/ RHO	COVID unit	COVID unit
High end HDU	24 A	VP	MO/ RHO	COVID unit	COVID unit
ICU I	24 A ICU	Anaesthetist / VP	MO Anaesthesia	ICU Nurses	COVID Junior staff
ICU II	MICU	Anaesthetist / VP	MO MICU	MICU Nurses	MICU Junior staff
Paediatric	COVID paediatric	Paediatrician	SHO paediatric/ HO	Wd 22/23 nurses	Wd 22/23 Junior staff
Neonatal	COVID NICU	Neonatologist	MO PBU	PBU Nurses	PBU Junior staff
OBS	COVID Obs	VOG	SHO / HO Gyn & Obs	Wd 03/04 Nurses	Wd 03/04 Junior staff
OPD room		VP , VP OPD	OPD MO	OPD Nurses	C room
OPD C room Emergency		VP OPD / Emergency physician	MO OPD / MO ETU	ETU Nurses	C room

All other staff categories paramedical etc. should maintain roster for COVID care while maintaining essential other services.

3. UPDATED GUIDELINE

- a) Revised admission/ OPD triage assessment guideline.
- b) COVID critical care monitoring chart
- c) COVID patient care management guideline

Revised guidelines / protocols / algorithms will be implemented by the 1st week of September 2021 onwards, replacing the current explicitly implemented guidelines and protocols.

You are kindly requested to adhere to COVID care level plan as described.

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