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SUBJECT: COVID-19 TESTING AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES
MCA-ED/2462/41, MCA-ED/2513/41

Further to memo MCA-ED/2462/41 and MA-ED/2513/41. The following changes are to be implemented from **0730 hours of 21 August 2020** and until further notice:

- Only healthcare providers with direct patient care (Physicians, nurses, clinical pharmacists, clinical services as applicable) require COVID-19 test every **7 days**.
- All other employees, vendors, and contractors, are not required to have routine COVID-19 testing.
- Testing is not required for **COVID-19 recovered** employees, patients or companions as per Infection Prevention and Control guidelines
- Hospitalized patients and sitters are to be tested when deemed necessary after approval ICHE.
- Visitors and new sitters (only for special situation) are only allowed in the hospital with a proof of negative test in the **previous 24 hours**.
- Healthcare provider failure to have the test done without informing his/her superior of a valid reason is a violation of the hospital regulation.
- Visual triaging and temperature check will continue at gates of the clinical care areas as per usual protocol.
- Face masking and social distancing will be enforced **STRICTLY in ALL AREAS**.
- New patient's admissions are dealt with as per previously published KFSH&RC Infection Prevention and Control guidelines that indicates testing of patients and companions on admission.
- Nurses are to be tested in their respective units.
- The current three testing centers to continue unchanged (OLD MCO, DMU North Tower Annex, and Gate 2D).

Please be reminded that testing should be done earlier than 24 hours prior to expiration of the test validity.

Your cooperation and strict compliance is much appreciated.

Thank you.

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