

**INFECTION, PREVENTION, AND CONTROL POLICIES & PROCEDURES
FOR SUSPECTED CASES OF COVID-19**

The Project Director will know and follow the local Ministry of Health procedures for attending to and reporting suspected cases.

In addition, the MMI team will follow this protocol for individuals who are suspected and proven or have COVID-19.

MMI TEAM MEMBER

- Isolation room: An isolation room for a potentially ill participant will be planned and available during the project.
- In the event that a MMI team member presents symptoms related to COVID-19, the Project Director and Medical Director will review the case. Signs, such as: fever with temperature greater than 37.8 ° persistent for 2 days with or without chills, decrease in oxygen saturation less than SO₂: 94%, cough, shortness of breath associated with fatigue muscle aches and headache may warrant preventative isolation. The Project Director will report the news to the MMI team, the MMI International office, and the local Ministry of Health, as required. The team member will start preventive isolation and will be tested for COVID-19. This preventive isolation must be maintained until the test result is received. If necessary, the participant will be transported to a local hotel if isolation is not possible in the camp.
- The Project Director will designate a caregiver for the ill participant for the remainder of the project.
- Upon a negative test result, the team member may return to their functions in the field and / or return to team activities, as they are physically able.
- Upon a positive result, MMI team members who have been in close contact will wear a medical mask (procedural, surgical, or N95) and a COVID-19 test will be provided for those team members on day 5, even if team members are asymptomatic.
- The team member with the positive result must be kept in isolation. (They should not leave isolation for 5 days in the initially designated accommodation. In the event of an emergency, he/she should leave only with PPE and the proper protocol for PPE removal upon return. This is mandatory.) The team member may leave isolation after 5 days if they have been free of fever and symptoms for 24 hours.
- Transfer to in-country hospital: The Project Director and Medical Director will determine if the participant needs medical intervention or urgent hospital care. Project Director will make transportation arrangements.

- Communication will be maintained with the MMI office throughout these activities. In the event of severe symptoms or hospitalization, an MMI Incident Report will be filed with the MMI Office upon resolution of the case. Office staff will assist with necessary logistics for travel, etc. as needed.
- Medical evacuation insurance is provided by MMI for each participant and used only in extreme cases as determined by the insurance provider, MMI, the Project Director and the Medical Director of the project. Note that evacuation is provided only in extreme cases where medical care is not available in the country of the project.

OTHER PERSONNEL / LOCAL PARTNERS

- In the event of a suspected case of COVID-19 in a person from a local partner or institution, host, or service provider, the person should stay home and report to the Project Director. The Project Director will commence the process for local testing by the appropriate authority and will give care recommendations to the person and their family. The person may return to the project when they are symptom free for 24 hours, after 5 days.
- When in contact with a suspected COVID-19 patient, the team members must use all the appropriate PPE and PPE must be provided to the person suspected of COVID -19. The person will be moved to an isolated area as soon as possible.
- Multiple suspected cases should be in separate isolation areas. If not possible, the person must wear a medical mask and keep a physical distance of not less than 2 meters from others. The isolation area must be clean and disinfected and, if possible, it should have good ventilation. In the event that this suspected case corresponds to a person in overcrowding, such as a shelter, jail, etc., the community or local leaders should be notified to ensure that this measure is carried out in the best way possible.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/p0811-covid-guidance.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/if-you-were-exposed.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/risks-exposure.html>

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