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**SAN LAZARO HOSPITAL  
HOSPITAL INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (HICS)  
IN REFERENCE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE**

**CRITERIA FOR COVID-19 SWAB TEST AND ADMISSION**

**A. Criteria for Swabbing for Covid-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Testing**

COVID-19 Expanded Testing is defined as testing of all individuals who are at-risk of contracting COVID-19 infection. The following groups are considered at-risk for COVID-19 and shall be swabbed and tested:

- 1) All COVID-19 Suspect and Probable patients.
- 2) All Healthcare workers and/or frontliners with contact/exposure, with or without symptoms.
- 3) All Vulnerable populations (elderlies, Persons with Disability (PWD), pregnant, <5 y.o. and with co-morbidities/immunocompromised persons) with contact/exposure, even without symptoms.
- 4) For individuals who had close contact or exposure with or without history of travel, swabbing and PCR testing may be done only after 5 days or more from the day of exposure for those who are asymptomatic but any day for those who are symptomatic.
- 5) All San Lazaro Hospital (SLH) employees must be seen and examined by the Employees' Medical Clinic (EMC) Physician prior to COVID Swab Test. Only Emergency cases may be seen in the COVID Triage during after office hours and weekends and holidays.

*\*Contact/exposure means talking/mingling with COVID-19 Confirmed person within 3 feet and for 15 minutes or more without at least face mask.*

*\*\*These criteria are based on the Department of Health (DOH) Memorandum No. 2020-0258 with subject: Updated Interim Guidelines on Expanded Testing for COVID-19 released by the DOH last May 29, 2020.*



## **B. Criteria for Admission of Covid-19 Suspect/Probable/Confirmed cases**

All SLH Employees shall be assessed and classified by the EMC Physician during weekdays and by the Senior House Officer (SHO) on duty during weekends/holidays and after office hours. They shall be classified as suspect, probable, or confirmed cases of COVID-19, then stratified based on severity as asymptomatic, mild, moderate, severe, or critical. All admissions must be coordinated with the COVID Triage Officer prior to arrival for proper room allocation and to avoid overcrowding.

The following person/individuals shall be admitted:

- 1) All individuals, whether suspect/probable/confirmed cases, with moderate, severe or critical symptoms.
- 2) All vulnerable populations (elderlies, Persons with Disability (PWD), pregnant, <5 y.o. and with co-morbidities/immunocompromised persons), whether suspect/probable/confirmed, with at least mild symptoms.
- 3) All SLH employees with mild symptoms or confirmed asymptomatic will be advised to be transferred to a government isolation facility or for home isolation. If they insist to be admitted at SLH, they will be coordinated with COVID Ward Physicians on duty and SHO for further appropriate medical assessment and possible admission.
- 4) All SLH employees seeking admission at COVID wards must have prior coordination with COVID Triage Officer before going to SLH.

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