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To	All Private Healthcare Facilities in Qatar
From	Healthcare Facilities Licensing & Accreditation Department
Subject	Covid-19 tests at private health facilities
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Within the framework of Ministry of Public Health efforts to confront Covid-19 epidemic, and the importance of the private health sector partnership, it was decided to:

Private Health Care Facilities are allowed to carry out swabbing for Covid-19 test and send the swabs to Hamad Medical Corporation laboratories for testing.

The Steps to obtain approval of Ministry of Health to carry out Covid-19 test in the private health sector:

1. Coordinate with the Hamad Medical Corporation laboratories through the focal point and submitting an application that includes the following:
 - The number of expected swabs per day.
 - Validation of swabs used for collection.
2. Communicate with MOPH training focal point to train required health care workers on swab collection and the use of Kashif Application, after obtaining the approval of the Hamad Medical Corporation laboratories.
3. Obtain the final approval and approval of price list through the focal point for healthcare facilities licensing and accrediting, after passing the training.

Private Health care Facilities are allowed to perform swabbing for the following categories:

1. All Patients with signs and respiratory symptoms, as per the case definition of COVID-19 approved by Ministry of Public Health.
2. All patients for all admissions, including acute admissions and admissions for elective surgeries.
3. Healthcare workers in the private health sector, as per Ministry of Public Health policies and guidelines.
4. Periodic testing of employees of other sectors, as per Ministry of Public Health policies and guidelines.
5. Pre-travel certificate confirming negative COVID-19.

Comply with the instructions of the Ministry of Public Health regarding swabbing and dealing with suspected cases, as follows:

1. Immediate isolation of suspected cases of Covid-19 in separate purposed rooms.
2. Allocate a room for swabbing of suspected cases of Covid-19.
3. Allocate a room for swabbing of other categories of patients (other than suspected cases of Covid-19)
4. Follow infection prevention and control measures during swabbing.
5. Follow Ministry of Public Health guidelines on management of suspected cases.

Record all patient data through the " Kashif" application, as follows:

1. Patient information.
2. Status of Symptoms and history.
3. The reason for requesting the test according to the codes agreed by the Ministry of Public Health.

The Health Care Facility is allowed to add no more than fifty riyals (50 riyals) to the actual test cost of Hamad Medical Corporation.

This applies only for Covid-19 PCR testing, and other rapid testing are not permitted.

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Violating this circular exposes the health facility to legal accountability.

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