2. MANAGEMENT OF CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE

2.1 Criteria for Hospital Admission

Confirmed COVID-19 patients (laboratory confirmed case) shall be admitted to the hospital if fulfil any of the following criteria:

i. Adult:
   - Category 4 or 5
   - Clinically unstable Category 2 or 3 e.g. dehydration
   - Uncontrolled comorbidity regardless of category

ii. Paediatric
   - Category 3 and above
   - Category 2 with significant comorbidity

2.2 Ending isolation criteria.

1. Mild to moderate illness (category 1-3) and not severely immunocompromised*
   ✔ At least 5 days have passed since symptom onset.
   And
   ✔ At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
   And
   ✔ Clinical improvement in other symptoms

2. Severe covid illness (category 4-5)** and not severely immunocompromised*
   ✔ At least 7-10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
   And
   ✔ At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
   And
   ✔ Clinical improvement in other symptoms

3. Severely immunocompromised*
   ✔ At least 10-14 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
   And
   ✔ At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
   And
   ✔ Clinical improvement in other symptoms

*Severely immunocompromised - Patient on chemotherapy for cancer, being within one year out from receiving a hematopoietic stem cell or solid organ transplant, untreated HIV infection with CD4 T lymphocyte count < 200, severe primary immunodeficiency disorder, and receiving active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (i.e., ≥20 mg prednisone or equivalent per day when administered for ≥2 weeks), alkylating agents, antimetabolites, transplant-related immunosuppressive drugs, cancer chemotherapeutic agents classified as severely immunosuppressive, or immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory biologic agents (e.g., B cell-depleting agents).
** Hypoxia does not necessarily categorise the patients as category 4. Patients whose hypoxia is more likely due to other causes such as fluid overload, heart failure etc. can be removed from isolation after 5 days if conditions under mild to moderate illness are met.