Corporate Services



23 September 2021

(name and contact details redacted)

Dear (name redacted)

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2021103

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 30 August 2021 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

Please could you advise your admittance protocol on receipt of Covid 19 patients?

Please find below Hawke's Bay District Health Board's emergency department screening procedure flowchart in relation to screening patients for COVID-19 and management therein.

The patient flow-chart is supported by best practice clinical management processes.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

Chris Ash
Chief Operating Officer

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Fill in only if patient label is unavailable DoB:... NHI: Phone:

YES

YES

SCREENING PATIENTS FOR COVID-19 RISK

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Manage as COVID-19 regardless of symptoms

- o International Travel within last 14 days (including Australia)
- Visited a current location of interest within the last 14 days
- Proven or Probable Case of COVID-19

NO

High Index Suspicion: within 14 days prior to illness onset, any of

- contact with proven or probable case
- visited region of NZ with community transmission within last 14 days
- direct contact with person who has travelled overseas in the last 14 days (including Australia)
- exited an MIQ facility within the past 14 days
- worked on an international aircraft or ship
- cleaned at a port in areas visited by international arrivals

An acute respiratory infection with any COVID- 19 symptoms e.g.

- new or worsening cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath

·Fever >38°

Cough or

Myalgia

coryza (runny nose, sneezing, post-nasal drip)

Manage as routine

- anosmia (loss of smell)
- dysgeusia (altered sense of taste)

NO Influenza-like illness? YES AND ·No other obvious cause AND NEW ·Sore throat or NOL

HOT

Swab for COVID-19

Droplet and Contact Precautions:

- Side room
- Surgical mask on patient
- Hand Hygiene
- Staff wear PPE as per MOH COVID-19 PPE Guidelines

Notify Medical Officer of Health if Covid-19 cannot be excluded clinically, or if mandatory notification required based on MoH case definition.

Manage as per Influenza Like Illness

Swab for Respiratory Viral Illness (including COVID-19) if for admission

Droplet and Standard Precautions

- Side room if available
- ·Surgical mask on patient
- Staff (within 1m) surgical mask and gloves (plus eye protection and apron if patient not wearing mask reliably)
- ·Hand Hygiene

THOT COLD COLD with influenza-like illness (ILI) Patient status: