

1. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERSONEL IN DOMESTIC (SELF) ISOLATION

Isolation at home, self-isolation or domestic isolation means remaining at home or in a designated setting, in a single, dedicated, adequately ventilated room and preferably using a dedicated toilet. This measure can be recommended for prevention or for people while showing symptoms.

PREPARE: How can you prepare yourself:

- Educate yourself on COVID-19 from trusted sources.
- Keep physically active to ensure good physical condition.
- Have over-the-counter medicines and medical supplies (e.g. tissues, thermometer) to treat fever.
- If taking any prescription medicines, refill them, or consider using a mail-order for your medications.
- Have enough groceries and household items for approximately 2 weeks. Prepare gradually and avoid panic buying.
- Activate your social network. Contact family, friends, neighbors or community health care workers in advance and make joint plans on what to do if you become ill.
- **Inform your chain of command and SNR and request support, if needed.**
- Practice social distancing.
- Follow the instructions from Italian authorities as well as given by JFCNP.
- Continue to practice general hygiene.

IN DOMESTIC ISOLATION – recommended measures if you or anyone in your household are sick or have symptoms related to COVID-19:

- Do not allow visitors.
- Only household members / **nominated support personnel** who are caring for the person suspected or confirmed of having COVID-19 should stay / **allowed to come** at home.
- Separate yourself from other people in the household.
- Use facemasks / **face covering**, when in the same room with other people, to protect them.
- Stay in a well-ventilated room with a window that can be opened.
- Clean and disinfect your home, particularly frequently touched surfaces and toilets.
- If a dedicated toilet is not available, the isolated person should clean the toilet thoroughly after each use.
- Use separate towels, eating utensils, drinking glasses, bedding or any other household item commonly shared in the family setting.

- **Activate your support system** for help to run essential errands, e.g. grocery and medicine shopping.
- Avoid direct contact when interacting with them, for example, by arranging groceries to be dropped at the door.
- Wash hands directly before and after any interaction with others.
- Follow the advice of your healthcare provider and call them if your condition worsens.
- Keep in touch with your **chain of command / SNR**, family and friends via telephone, email or social media.
- Keep physically active to ensure good physical and mental condition.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CARE PROVIDERS

Isolation at home, self-isolation or domestic isolation means remaining at home or in a designated setting, in a single, dedicated adequately ventilated room and preferably using a dedicated toilet. The following measures are recommended for care providers who are supporting isolated people.

When caring for patients isolated with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, all care providers need to – prior to any patient interaction – assess the infectious risk posed to them and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to minimize that risk.

PPE should be put on and removed in an order that minimizes the potential for self-contamination.

Preparation

- Follow the instructions from authorities as well as given by JFCNP.
- Educate yourself on COVID-19 from trusted sources.
- Practice good personal hygiene. This is the best way to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Keep social distance.
- Learn how to use PPE.
- Practice using PPE.
- **Inform your chain of command and SNR about assuming the task.**

Before EACH patient interaction:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before you provide care for isolated person.
- Do not touch your face unless you have recently washed your hands.
- Ensure your PPE is conveniently located.
- Use the correct PPE for the situation.
 - PPE should be worn during throughout the procedure.
 - Maintain a distance of 2 meters between all people in the area of isolation.
 - Avoid any direct contact with the isolated person (for example, by arranging groceries to be dropped at the door.
 - Visits to the patient should be limited to the absolute minimum.
 - If a dedicated toilet is not available, the isolated person should clean the toilet thoroughly after each use with appropriate disinfectant.
 - Wash hands directly before and after any interaction with others.

After EACH patient interaction:

- PPE should be correctly removed and handled after use.
- All waste (including PPE) should be disposed of as infectious clinical waste.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Hand hygiene should be performed immediately after removal of PPE.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Personnel providing care to COVID-19 cases need to be actively followed-up for development of symptoms (fever and any respiratory symptoms in the 14 days following the last exposure to a confirmed case).
- **Inform your SNR if you are unable to perform the task.**