**SAFE-GUARDING ERRH**

All health facilities are vulnerable to disease outbreaks, and even more so during a pandemic, because they serve as the base for all frontline healthcare workers to launch containment measures, as well as remains fully functional to continue delivering regular medical services.

Thus, it becomes extremely important to protect and safeguard not only our healthcare workers, but also our hospitals. We should not let COVID-19 enter the hospital for it will spread rapidly among the already vulnerable sick inpatients, resulting in unimaginable consequences. Such an unfortunate incident would also paralyze our workforce and prevent us from optimally responding to containment measures in the community.

With this in mind we would like to appraise the public on various health safety measures that **Mongar Regional Referral Hospital** (MRRH) has adopted:

 **PATIENTS WITH COUGH/FEVER/FLU-LIKE ILLNESS:**1. This patients will be seen in our Flu Clinic situated in the pavilion of public ground from 9am-9pm every day (Monday to Sunday), however the patient requiring admission will be send to MRRH after testing for COVID-19 and on upon getting the test result as negative.

2. Patients with flu-like illness will not be entertained in the hospital building, however in case of serious patient with Flu-Like Illness; the patient will be managed in First Line Emergency set-up which is established near the entry point of Casualty until the COVID-19 test result is declared.

 **HEALTH SAFETY PROTOCOL FOR ENTERING INTO THE HOSPITAL BUILDING:**1. Wash hands with soap and water at respective hand-washing stations available at the entrance.

2. Maintain physical distance with minimum of 1 meter.
3. Wear a mask at all the times.
4. Scan our QR code with Druk Trace app or register manually.

 **FOR PATIENTS REQUIRING ADMISSION:**1. All referred in patient will be tested for COVID-19 if not tested by referring health centers. The patient will be managed outside in the first line emergency till the report is declared.

2. Patient with positive COVID-19 result on rapid test will be further tested on RT-PCR for confirmation and patient with negative COVID-19 result on rapid test will be admitted in ER for further management and necessary action.

3. All patients requiring admission will be allowed only one attendant (except for newborn babies).
4. Patient and attendant will undergo COVID-19 rapid antigen test prior to admission.
5. Visitors will not be allowed.
6. Change of attendants will not be allowed.
7. Outside food will not be allowed. We will provide hospital food to all patients and attendants. In addition, we will facilitate the delivery of essential items.

**We solicit the cooperation of all our patients, attendants and healthcare workers to keep MRRH safe.**