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**COVID-19 Preventive Measures**


This is further to my previous communications on COVID-19 preventive measures.

Previous press release/directions/circulars/guidelines/letters issued on COVID-19 preventive measures unless amended/repealed are in force except for the following directions which will be effective from 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

1. The wearing of the scrub suit by health staff which was introduced during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic should be limited to COVID-19 wards and ICU's with COVID-19 patients.
2. The practice of wearing Personal Protective Equipment (e.g. Overalls, Coveralls, Head caps, Shoe covers, boots etc) should be as in pre COVID-19 era and worn only in ICUs and if required in COVID-19 wards.
3. Surgical cap should not be worn when examining patients/working in wards/clinics
4. Compulsory COVID-19 testing (PCR/Rapid Antigen Test) for all patients and bystanders should not be done.
5. The visitors of patients coming to healthcare facilities should not be restricted as a measure of preventing COVID-19 except for visitors for immunocompromised patients such as renal transplant patients etc.

6. Patient examination in the OPD/Clinics/Wards should be done as in the pre COVID-19 era without any additional distance or barriers.

The above measures are applicable to government/private healthcare institutions and other government and private organizations.

  
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