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To

All the Civil Surgeons,
Punjab

Subject: Amendment in the Referral Criteria for referral of COVID-19 positive patients from COVID care centre (CCC) to Isolation facilities (Level-2).

With reference to the above subject, the referral criteria were included in the SOPs framed for COVID-19 positive patients at COVID Care Centres and was circulated with vide letter No. IDSP/NHM/Pb/20/3869-3890 dated 30-04-2020. Keeping in view the fresh guidelines from Government of India, the SpO₂<95% (on room air) should be included as amended referral criteria(Attached) for shifting the patient from CCC to level -2 facility; the earlier being SpO₂<93% (on room air). You are directed to circulate the amended guideline to all concerned.


Director Health Services (Punjab)

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Director Health Services (Punjab)

- **Referral Criteria for referral from COVID Care Centre(Level-I) to Isolation facilities (Level-II) are as follows:-**

1. Any of the following symptoms/signs warrant a shifting to higher centre.
 - i. If the patient complains of difficulty in breathing or other symptoms, the patient should be assessed by doctor on duty to decide regarding referral.
 - ii. If SpO₂<95%, on room air.
 - iii. If RR>20/min
 - iv. If PR>100/min
 - v. If the patient is not alert.
 - vi. If any high risk factor is present.
2. Before referring the patient, prior information should be sent to the higher centre where patient is being referred.
3. Referral form should be filled by the doctor present on duty. Referral proforma is attached at Annexure-"G"
4. The record of referred patients should be maintained.
5. Transportation will be provided by District Administration as per the protocol of Isolation and disinfection