## Positive Rapid Test Result Precautions and Evaluation and Reporting

### **Procedures of Medical Institutions**

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## Attachment 1

## **Procedures and Steps for Evaluating and Confirming Positive Rapid Test Results through Telemedicine**

### Steps to take

- I. Before the evaluation, please:
  - i. Write down the date of the positive test and the rapid test user's name on the top of the cassette/strip containing the positive result
  - ii. Put the cassette/strip next to the user's National Health Insurance (NHI) card and take a picture.
  - iii. If the evaluation will be done in person by going to a doctor in a hospital/clinic, the cassette/strip should be wrapped in a zipper bag or plastic bag and brought to the hospital/clinic.
  - iv. Show the cassette/strip with the positive result during the on-site or online doctor evaluation.
- II. If the evaluation will be done online, please upload the picture in accordance with the doctor's instructions. If the evaluation will be done on-site, uploading the photo is not required. However, it is recommended that the evaluating doctor call the rapid test user or his or her legal representative to make sure that the result is indeed his or hers.
- III. If a consensus regarding the positive test result is reached between the user and the doctor, please dispose of or deface the used cassette/strip.

# Precautions for those rapid-tested positive and planning to have inperson consultations

To lower the risk of virus spread, the following should be noted when you visit a hospital or clinic in person:

- I. If the positive test result will be confirmed by going to a doctor in a hospital/clinic, the cassette/strip should be wrapped in a zipper bag or plastic bag and brought to the hospital/clinic.
- II. Wear a mask the whole time when going out. Do not use public

transportation. Going to the hospital by driving, riding, walking, or getting a ride from a family member or friend (both parties should wear masks the entire time) is allowed.

- III. Wear a mask properly, keep respiratory hygiene and coughing etiquette, and keep your hands clean.
- IV. Follow the medical institution's route directions and procedure for seeking medical help.
- V. Take the initiative to inform the medical institution of the result of your rapid test during check-in.
- VI. Avoid having contact or talking with other people. Avoid having food unless for hydrating.
- VII. Avoid going to places that are not necessary for your medical treatment in the hospital. Do not enter the food court area.

#### Doctor's evaluation and confirmation procedure

- I. Check the patient's NHI card or national identification card online or in person.
- II. Cross-check the patient's name, age, and if the name is identical with the information written on the cassette/strip and NHI card. Inquire about the patient's symptoms and make an evaluation.
- III. Ask the patient to explain how they did the rapid test and show the cassette/strip that shows a positive result confirming that it is their own result. The doctor will do an overall evaluation.
- IV. Once the doctor and the patient reach a consensus, the patient will be asked to deface or destroy the test cassette/strip under the supervision of medical staff. The case will be reported in accordance with relevant regulations, and the medical institution's "COVID-19 positive rapid test evaluation and reporting reimbursement" will be filed, with the medical institution receiving NT\$500 per case under the payment code E5209C.

- V. The consulting doctor proceeds with their evaluation for the patient receiving home care. If the patient meets the conditions for oral antiviral drug treatment, oral antiviral drug prescriptions will be given after the doctor explains and obtains consent from the patient according to the process for prescribing oral antiviral drugs or COVID-19 treatment regimens.
- VI. If the doctor and the patient fail to reach a consensus, the patient should take a PCR or at-home rapid test again.
- Note: For a list of medical institutions that can provide COVID-19 positive rapid test result telemedicine or on-site consultations by region, please go to the website of the Taiwan Centers for Disease Control: (<u>https://www.cdc.gov.tw/Category/Page/ugPcFc7gP170nK0Dn3KjN</u>Q). Additionally, please refer to the list of medical institutions that offer telemedicine consultations during COVID-19 in the link below: <u>https://www.nhi.gov.tw/Content\_List.aspx?n=1482911120B73697&topn=787128DAD5F71B1A</u>