

COVID-19 MEDEVAC GUIDANCE NOTE

A Patient's Perspective: How does a COVID-19 MEDEVAC work?

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Treatment of COVID-19 patients at the country level remains the First Line of Defence



If you or an eligible family member is sick with COVID-19



- Obtain **appropriate advice** from your medical provider / entity Medical Advisor
- Notify the focal point within **your organization** that you / your eligible dependent is ill
- Confirm your organization has **up-to-date contact details** for you and your family
- Ensure that any **travel documentation** for the patient is valid and readily accessible

Determination of clinical need for COVID-19 MEDEVAC



- **Consent** and **liability waiver forms** must be signed by the [eligible](#) patient and referring entity
- The treating physician/ entity Medical Advisor will **monitor** the status of the patient
- If they decide there is a **clinical need** for a level of care **not available in the country in which the patient is located**, a MEDEVAC alert will be initiated through the in-country [COVID-19 Coordinator](#)*.
- The **clinical need** for the MEDEVAC of the eligible COVID-19 patient will then be **verified** by UN Medical personnel at the dedicated UN MEDEVAC Cell, which is operational 24/7.

Confirmation of clinical need and initiation of COVID-19 MEDEVAC



- **Upon confirmation** by the UN MEDEVAC Cell that the COVID-19 MEDEVAC will proceed:
 - **Signed consent** and **liability waiver forms** must be shared with the UN MEDEVAC Cell
 - **Valid travel documentation** will be requested and shared with the UN MEDEVAC Cell
 - Relevant patient **medical records will be shared** with the UN MEDEVAC Cell
 - Arrangements for any **eligible non-medical escort** will be made by the referring entity
 - The UN MEDEVAC Cell will identify and **confirm the receiving MEDEVAC location**, and will confirm the arrangements and permissions for the MEDEVAC flight

Implementing a COVID-19 MEDEVAC



- The condition of the patient will be **continuously monitored** leading up to any MEDEVAC
- MEDEVAC will be fully initiated when **all documents, consents & authorisations are in place**
- If **medically stable**, the patient will be moved to the departure point for the MEDEVAC flight
- The COVID-19 patient will be **transported to the receiving MEDEVAC location and delivered to the identified receiving medical facility for treatment**

*The COVID-19 Coordinator, in conjunction with the treating physician/ entity Medical Advisor and entity Focal Point will oversee all aspects of the COVID-19 MEDEVAC at the country level, and will respect patient confidentiality throughout