COVID-19

Measures in Households and Public spaces

1. **WASH IN PUBLIC SPACES AND POPULATIONS**
   - Ensure that water is available at all times in public places where the risk of transmission of COVID-19 is likely to be highest. Ensure taps are regularly disinfected.
   - All water used within communities should have a residual concentration of free chlorine of ≥ 0.5 mg/l after at least 30 min contact time; storage containers must be regularly cleaned.
   - Hand hygiene facilities including products (water, soap, or hand sanitizers, sinks or bucket with tap) should be in place and easily accessible in all community settings.
   - Hand hygiene must be performed after touching surfaces; touching doors handles; going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
   - Promotion of cough and sneeze etiquette.
   - For marketplaces, places of worship, social institutions, prisons, regular hand washing with soap and water is necessary to avoid infection and transmitting it.
   - Regular cleaning of often-touched surfaces in public spaces with commercial chlorine-based products or chlorine bleach solution.
   - Train community members on why, when and how to wash hands frequently.

2. **WASH IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH CONFINED PERSONS (I.E. A CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED CASE WITH MILD SYMPTOMS, NOT HOSPITALIZED)**

3. **IN HOUSEHOLDS AND COMMUNITY SETTINGS**
   - Adequate WASH measures should achieve two main objectives:
     - The exposure to the disease is reduced in vulnerable community settings and public spaces: the main targeted intervention is availability of hand washing facilities, together with continuous availability of water for hygiene and cleaning purposes.
     - The transmission of the disease is reduced in home and community settings: personal and interpersonal hygiene practices, cleaning and simple disinfection should be intensified.
   - Determine community settings and public spaces most likely to be exposed to the disease.
   - Train Community Health Workers and local Volunteers.
   - Support or reinforce existing WASH monitoring systems.

4. **WASH IN NON-HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (HOTELS, SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS, PLACE OF WORK, OTHERS) WITH SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE**

5. **SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO COMMUNITIES OR GROUPS LEFT BEHIND**
   - Improve sanitary conditions of:
     - Residences for elderly, disabled persons, homeless people, and orphans.
     - Refugees or migrants camps, IDPs settings both formal and informal.
   - Ensure the prevention of sexual abuse and harassment.

- Continuous access to water, ensuring equal access to all.
- Ensuring access to dedicated handwashing and sanitation facilities.
- Ensuring the use of dedicated sanitation facilities for suspected cases.
- Ensuring the availability and use of hygiene and cleaning materials.
- Regular cleaning of often-touched surfaces in public spaces.

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