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Picture 1: COVID-19 Virus

Assalamualaikum wbt and a very good day to everyone.

It has been a long time since we updated you as our progress through the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent re-commencing of the new normal to be placed somewhat gradually. This week sees a sudden surge in COVID-19 cases and as such our neighbouring MoH Hospital is preparing for gradual decanting. We will similarly take the necessary precaution. As you know, we have near misses on the 4th October 2020 which have been dealt with swiftly, and alhamdulillah their PCR tests turned negative.

For patients coming through the emergency department, we will be deploying Rapid Test Kit (RTK) and Polymerase chain reaction (rRT-PCR) testing along with recommended guidelines. SARI patients, patients requiring emergency and aerosol-generating procedures will have their PCR and RTK antigen swabs taken and treated accordingly.



Picture 2: Male doctor holding patient's hand

If there happens to be a positive case with patients in the ward, then the ward will be cordoned off and isolated. We are yet to activate our SARI wing for now and are trying to decant the hospital gradually similar to what has been practised in Hospital Sungai Buloh. Elective pre-operative, operative procedures and aerosol-generating procedures will need to undergo COVID-19 PCR testing 3 days prior at COMBAT as agreed in the COVID-19 committee.

During this time, we need full cooperation from everyone including all our frontliners staff, our back end staff and we may have to activate a special task force to handle the COVID-19 pandemic again. At the present moment, we are running the COVID-19 laboratory to test for PCR and RTK on a daily basis, except Sunday.

On another note, for the purpose of Puncak Alam Hospital, progress is under way. We are looking to operate on the 1st of February 2021 with clinics as well as day care admission.

From information and communications technology (ICT) point of view, progress has been made in creating patients' app so that they can register remotely from home as well as health passport and remote payment gateway. Modules for UniMEDS are being looked into and improved. Staffing and financing are all ongoing and we shall update you in due course.

Bear with us during these trying times. If there is anything we can do to improve our services and operations and make it better for you, please do not hesitate to let us know. With your cooperation, we shall be able to pull through this together. Thank you.



Picture 3: Frontliners taking a break

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Picture 4: Hospital UiTM new mobile app