COVID-19 MEDEVAC GUIDANCE NOTE
COVID-19: Treatment options and MEDEVAC
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Treatment of COVID-19 patients at the country level remains the First Line of Defence

In-home care

- Mild and Moderate cases
- In-home care when clinically safe for patient, caregivers and other occupants
- Care via advice from physician and telehealth until patient recovers

Treatment in Medical Facility

- More severe cases, and patients with risk factors e.g. age, other medical conditions
- While in treatment facility patient may recover, and then be discharged OR
- Patient may develop additional clinical needs, including intensive care needs

Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC)

- MEDEVAC is not necessary for those with mild or moderate forms of COVID-19
- MEDEVAC is not a preventative measure for persons who are not yet unwell
- MEDEVAC decisions are made based on a determination of clinical need

The COVID-19 MEDEVAC System:

Who is it for?
The System provides MEDEVAC support to eligible COVID-19 patients who have a clinical need for healthcare that is not available in the country of their duty station.

How does the MEDEVAC System work?
At country level, the system is overseen by dedicated COVID-19 Coordinator who receives all COVID-19 MEDEVAC requests received from referring entities. The Coordinator works with entity Focal Points, the treating physician and other parties to facilitate MEDEVACs.

At a global level, COVID-19 MEDEVACs are approved, organised and arranged by a dedicated 24/7 UN MEDEVAC Cell, comprising of medical and aviation experts. The UN MEDEVAC Cell works closely with the COVID-19 Coordinator.

Where can I find more information?
Find more information relating to COVID-19 and the COVID-19 MEDEVAC System here.