



MITIGATION OF COVID-19 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR MDA

MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED TO COMMUNITY DRUG DISTRIBUTORS

You will be provided with the following items to keep you and the community members safe when you are giving out the medicine:

ITEM	QUANTITY	PURPOSE
 Face masks	2 per day	To be worn at all times
 Hand sanitizer	1 bottle	To sanitize your hands regularly
 Disinfectant	1 bottle	To sanitize materials
 Paper towels	1 roll	To sanitize materials
 Plastic spoons	2 spoons	To get the tablets without touching
 Garbage bags	1 per day	For disposal of masks and other items

DAILY PREPARATION

Before you start each day, you should undertake the following preparations:

- Disinfect all MDA materials (including job aids, pens, spoons, drug bottles and dose poles).
- Wash your hands (with soap and water, or hand sanitizer) before leaving home.
- Put on a face mask before leaving home. You should wear a mask at all times during the day and avoid touching your face with your hands.
- Remember to practice respiratory etiquette at all times: Cover your mouth and nose (with a bent elbow or tissue) when you cough or sneeze. Dispose of used tissues immediately and wash or sanitize your hands.
- Stay at home if you have had contact with anyone infected with COVID-19, or if you are feeling sick with fever, cough, body aches, sore throat or difficulty breathing. Seek medical care if you have these symptoms.

ARRIVAL AT EACH HOUSEHOLD

- Use hand sanitizer to **sanitize** your hands at each household.
- Greet household members and invite eligible individuals (depending on medicines distributed) and caregivers to come outside. This should be limited to 5 household members at a time. Larger households should be split into separate groups and treated in stages.
- Keep your **mask** on and keep a distance of at least **3 feet** at all times.
- Ask the household head what they know about COVID-19.
- Explain why you are wearing a mask and keeping your distance. Explain that all the materials have been disinfected and how they treatment will be given safely.
- Then, ask the following questions:
 1. Have any household members or close contacts had fever, chills, cough, body aches, sore throat or difficulty breathing in the last 14 days?



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2. Have any household members been exposed to anyone with fever, chills, cough, body aches, sore throat or difficulty breathing in the last 14 days?
 3. Have any household members travelled outside the community in the last 14 days?
- If the answer to any of these questions is YES, you should:
 - Refer anyone with fever, cough or difficulty breathing to the nearest health facility.
 - Report possible cases of COVID-19 in line with local guidelines.
 - Do **NOT** give medicine to anyone with fever.

DISTRIBUTING MEDICINE AT EACH HOUSEHOLD

- Ask the household head or caregiver to provide a clean cup with a small amount of clean drinking water. Cups should not be shared between households.
- Put the disinfected dose pole against the outside wall and ask the individual to stand next to it (but not touching) to calculate the correct dose.
- Measure out the correct number of tablets using a clean spoon and give them to the individual, maintaining distancing.
- Observe the tablets being swallowed and record the treatment in the community register.
- Repeat this for every eligible member of the household.

REMEMBER:

- Limit the duration of contact as much as possible and keep at least 3 feet distance at all times.
- Contact between yourself and any one individual should be limited to less than 15 minutes.
- If at any point you have physical contact with beneficiaries, you should immediately sanitize your hands.



BETWEEN EACH HOUSEHOLD

- Wash or sanitize your hands after every household.
- Materials should be disinfected:
 - After every 5 households visited
 - If they are touched by someone
 - If they are accidentally placed on any surface.
- Activities must be stopped immediately if at any point in the day you feel sick with fever, cough, body aches, sore throat or difficulty breathing.

AT THE END OF EACH DAY

- At the end of each day, use the disinfectant to disinfect all treatment materials.
- After disinfecting the materials, remove your face mask and dispose of it in the garbage bag. You should then immediately wash (with soap) or sanitize your hands.
- Clothing should be removed, washed with detergent and placed in the sun to dry.