

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children

CORONA (COVID-19) INVESTIGATION GUIDE ON SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

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Following the Corona Virus Syndrome Outbreak (COVID-19) was first reported in the country on March 16, 2020, the Government took various steps to control the spread of the disease in the country. The steps taken include closing all primary, secondary, colleges and educational institutions in the country. Based on statistics on the country's disease trend currently showing a decline in Corona virus infection, on May 20, 2020 the Government through the President of the United Republic of Tanzania Hon. Dr. John Magufuli announced the decision to return school schedules to schools (Form 6), Colleges and Educational Institutions from 01 June 2020.

In developing efforts to control new Corona virus infections (COVID-19) in the country, the Ministry of Health, Social Development, Gender, Elderly and Children has prepared this Guide which aims to create an enabling environment for COVID-19 infection control Education including Colleges, Secondary Schools and Primary Schools.

In order to achieve such an environment, this Guide has focused on four key areas which are Preparation of pre-opened educational institutions, Health Examination, Back-to-School / Academic and Learning Environment as shown below: -

i. Environmental Preparation of Educational Institutions prior to opening

Ministry of Education, Science and Technology; The Office of the Presidency and all Ministries in charge of colleges and educational institutions are required to ensure the safe environment of school, college and educational institutions before students / students return to control COVID-19 infections. In preparing such an environment, the following factors must be taken into account;

a. Decontamination of all school, college or institution settings in accordance with the purification guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health, Social Development, Gender, Elderly and Children. This includes institutions that were used to care for Corona's victims or patients. This cleansing should take place at least 72 hours before students enter.

b. On the first day of school opening, a college or educational institution should be used to provide education to all students / students and staff about COVID-19 disease as well as its symptoms and steps to take to prevent the spread of the disease.

c. Ensure the availability of handwashing facilities (detergent and running water) for hand hygiene in each area or classrooms, offices, every main gate, dormitory, library, food court, toilet and other important areas. The Ministry emphasizes the use of soap and running water as the main method of hand hygiene. Also handwashing equipment should take into account the needs of students / students with disabilities. In addition, Hand Cleansers (Hand sanitizer) can be used as an alternative to soapy water and soap.

d. School / College leadership should make sure that hand sanitizers are used with the required quality (made of more than 70 percent ethanol) by both students and staff. Use of

handwashing is an optional issue for the student / student because the Ministry places more emphasis on the use of running water and soap.

e. Spirit (Methanol) should not be used as a hand cleanser in all areas of school, College and institutions. Students should not be asked to take the spirit to school and college. School / College leadership should ensure that students do not fall into the spirit of their institutions / institutions.

f. A school, college or institution with health care facilities, all relevant staff should be given training on serving students, teachers and staff suspected of having COVID-19 including providing psychological support and eliminating stigma. In addition, these Schools / Colleges / Institutions should have medicines and equipment for emergencies.

g. School, College and Educational Administration providing student accommodation (boarding) should ensure as much space as possible between one bed to another and control student supplies such as towels, towels, toiletries and toiletries of the body.

h. School leadership, College and educational institutions should encourage students, teachers and staff to wear Cloth masks when they return to school or colleges. In addition, parents / guardians should be encouraged to give their children blankets before going to school / college.

i. The School, College and Educational Institutions should put in place a system of access to locally manufactured Cloth Masks and which can be washed and sterilized daily at their locations at a reasonable cost. Two-layer cotton cloths are recommended for wear as they are healthy and safe. Parents can give or buy them for their children.

j. The School, College and Educational Administration should ensure the availability of sanitary waste materials and use them as other hazardous waste to prevent Corona virus infection.

ii. Health Examination;

a. Students who will be diagnosed with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested before returning to school / college.

b. Students who are diagnosed with HIV should remain at home until their health status improves.

c. For students who are suspected of having symptoms of Corona disease at School / College, the School Leadership or the college should report to the nearest health care center for further diagnosis and treatment.

iii. To and from school / college:

a. School / College bus owners should get their hands on their cars for students when climbing to school / college,

b. School / College bus owners make sure that all passengers and attendants wear towels and use hand sanitizers before boarding the vehicle.

iv. Learning environment:

a. School or College leadership should encourage students / students, teachers and their staff to abide by the Personal Hygiene Regulations including regular handwashing with soap and water before entering the main gate, classroom, barn, library, food court, office and other

important areas. The Ministry emphasizes the use of soap and running water should be the main method of hand hygiene. In addition, Hand Cleansers (Hand sanitizer) can be used as an alternative to soapy water and soap. It is directed to the classroom teachers assisting with the pupil / pupil leaders to make sure these are properly managed.

b. School or College leadership should ensure, as far as possible, all staff and students / students are seated / standing at a safe distance between one person and the other at any point during the training.

c. School leadership, academies and educational institutions should ensure that students, teachers and staff wear Cloth masks whenever they are at school and colleges especially when they are at gatherings including in the classroom or in discussion groups. Children under the age of five, students / teachers / staff with cardiovascular disease, sickle cell and airway diseases such as asthma should not wear masks.

d. For schools and colleges with special needs students, teachers should wear special caps that allow the student with attention problems to communicate with the teacher.

e. Regional Health Councils and relevant Councils partner with School or College Leaders to provide education on proper use of facials, proper handwashing and soap measures and proper use of hand sanitizers for students, teachers and School / College staff relevant.

f. Where a School, College or Institution has a staff of health professionals, it is recommended that these staff be used to provide COVID-19 education and to monitor the implementation of this Guide in conjunction with Regional Health Professionals and their Councils.

g. Training visits outside of the school should be conducted in accordance with all COVID-19 infection prevention precautions.

h. School, College or Educational Leadership is encouraged to consider ICT use in teaching and learning to reduce the potential for COVID-19 infections.

i. Regional Health Professionals and Councils across the country conduct regular inspections at schools, colleges and educational institutions located in their areas to ensure that all COVID-19 infection prevention precautions are taken into consideration before School / College openings and during lessons including reporting to the relevant authorities.

This manual will be updated periodically to meet the relevant time requirements.

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