



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](#).