



# **COVID-19 UPDATE**

## PHARMACY PROCESS

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### PATIENT ACCESS TO THE PHARMACY

- Limit the number of persons allowed in the pharmacy to ensure social distancing
- Only allow prescription holders in the pharmacy (no unnecessary persons)
- Enforce social distancing with demarcated lines, tape barriers, physical barriers example images below











### **DISPENSARY COUNTER & PATIENT INTERACTION**

- Patients are expected to sanitise their hands upon entering the pharmacy
- Practice regular (30 minute) sanitising of counters unless an incident requires immediate sanitising of a surface
- Apply hand hygiene principles before and after each patient interaction

#### CATEGORY OF PATIENTS

- Take Home Medication These patients should not come into the pharmacy.
  Receive the prescription, dispense & send the medication to the ward and perform telephonic counselling (this is only for the pandemic period)
- Other patients apply all above principles to minimise distance, visits and contact
- Chronic Medication Identify and contact your patients using medicine for chronic conditions. Communicate with them via SMS, email or telephone and pre-arrange a collection point in/outside of the pharmacy that would limit exposure risk.