



The Aga Khan University Hospital

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19 FOR CANCER PATIENTS



This guide is designed to answer questions most frequently asked by members of the public on Coronavirus (COVID-19). These general guidelines will be updated as new information comes to light. If you have any further questions, please ask. We are here to help you.

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Are cancer patients more at likely to get sick from COVID-19?

Cancer Patients receiving Chemotherapy, may be at a higher risk of more severe symptoms because of their lowered immune system due to medications and treatment. However, we advise you to follow your doctor's advice in order to remain safe.

All Cancer patients including Cancer Survivors and patients not actively receiving cancer medication, like all other individuals should follow basic health precaution given below to avoid getting infected.

- Avoiding crowded public places.
- Washing hands frequently with soap and water.
- Avoid touching their face i.e. nose, eyes and mouth with hands.
- Covering their mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoiding others who are unwell.
- Staying home when sick.
- Reporting any symptoms of cough, flu like symptoms or fever to your doctor immediately.
- Volunteer any history of recent travel.
- Maintain social distance by keeping a minimum of 1 meter distance from others.

Should Cancer patients wear a mask?

The recommendation for the cancer patients are the same as for other individuals. The national guidelines recommend that you wear a mask at all times when in public places.

Should I continue with my clinic schedule and appointment?

Continuation of your cancer care is important, however we recommend that you attend the clinic by yourself or accompanied by a maximum of one person. You will be supported by our staff in every way. We also recommend you to stay at a distance from other patients according to the seating arrangement advised by our staff.

It's essential for you to contact the clinic to reschedule if:

- You have traveled recently or are under the public health requirement to self-isolate for 14 days.
- You're not feeling well with cold or flu-like symptoms, fever and experiencing breathing problems

For those requiring to come to the hospital for chemotherapy and or review, a letter will be provide by the hospital to enable you to commute, if residing out of Nairobi Metropolis

You will also be informed and updated on Tele-Consultation from home when this service is available or suitable for you.

Should you wish to reschedule your clinic please contact us on:
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