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**TO: DDG: CHIEF OF OPERATIONS
CHIEF DIRECTORS; DIRECTORS AND HEADS OF INSTITUTIONS
MANAGER: CAPE MEDICAL DEPOT
HEAD OF HEALTH: CITY OF CAPE TOWN
RESPONSIBLE PHARMACIST: CHRONIC DISPENSING UNIT**

N.B. FOR CIRCULATION TO ALL MEDICAL, PARAMEDICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL AND NURSING PERSONNEL

COVID-19 TREATMENT GUIDELINES UPDATE VERSION 5: 24 AUGUST 2020

This circular replaces Circular H39/2020 and previous versions of: NDOH/NCID Clinical Management of Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Disease.

A COVID-19 Ministerial Advisory Committee has been set up in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A sub-committee of this advisory committee, which includes representation from the National Department of Health (NDOH), National Essential Medicines List Committee, National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD), academia as well as experts from the private and public sector, reviews the treatment guidelines. Due to the continuous emergence of new evidence, the guidelines will be updated if and when more relevant evidence becomes available.

Attached, please find the:

NDOH/NCID Clinical Management of Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Disease Version 5 dated 24 August 2020.

Also note:

NDOH Brief Reports of Rapid Reviews & updates are published on the website below:

<http://www.health.gov.za/index.php/national-essential-medicine-list-committee-nemlc/category/633-covid-19-rapid-reviews>

Sincerely

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