

Positive Rapid Test Result Precautions and Evaluation and Reporting Procedures of Medical Institutions

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Have a positive at-home rapid test result

Meet the criteria¹ for government-funded COVID-19 care

No

Go to a designated hospital/clinic² that offers self-paid care for foreign nationals

Yes

Evaluate and confirm the positive result through telemedicine consultation (**attachment 1**) or through a doctor by going to the hospital/clinic.
* Foreign nationals can have their friends, contacts in Taiwan, or local health bureaus assist in remote/telemedicine consultation or arranging for them to go to clinics/institutions responsible for home care (including public health centers) to evaluate their test results.

Isolation and treatment in the hospital (or the local health bureau will assist in arranging for the patient to stay at a government quarantine facility/enhanced quarantine hotel or designated location

Do the doctor and the patient reach a consensus regarding

No

The hospital/clinic will inform the local health bureau and PCR testing will be arranged

Yes

Upload and report the positive result automatically through the national health insurance IC card or through the Infectious Disease Reporting System and the system will determine the case as confirmed case

The confirmed case stays at home or isolation location waiting for the health bureau to arrange an isolation location.

Positive by PCR?

Yes

No

Continue to finish home isolation or self-initiated epidemic prevention

The local health bureau arranges isolation locations according to the principle for admission of confirmed cases

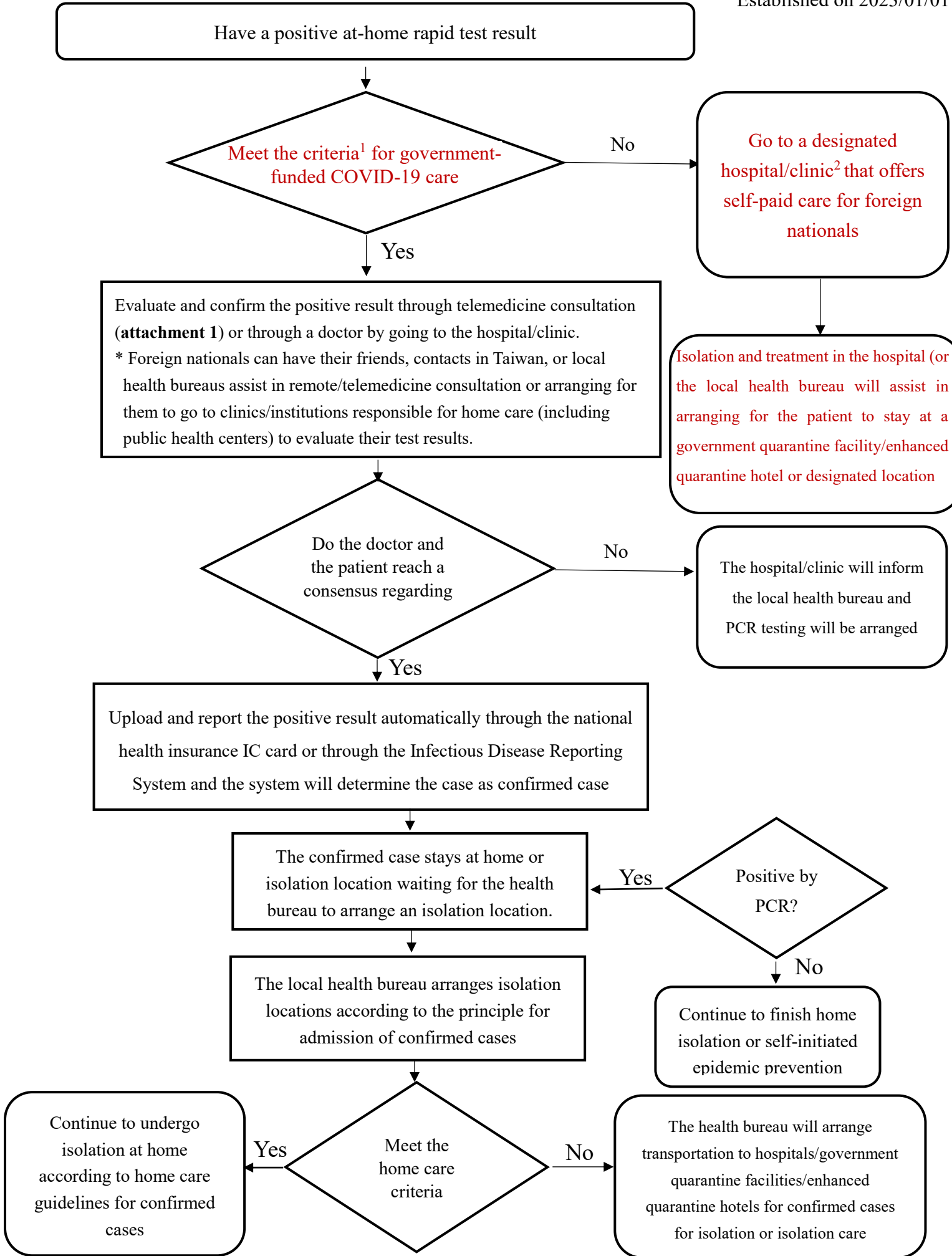
Continue to undergo isolation at home according to home care guidelines for confirmed cases

Meet the home care criteria

Yes

No

The health bureau will arrange transportation to hospitals/government quarantine facilities/enhanced quarantine hotels for confirmed cases for isolation or isolation care



Attachment 1

Procedures and Steps for Evaluating and Confirming Positive Rapid Test Results through Telemedicine

Steps to take

- I. Before the evaluation, please:
 - i. Write down the date of the positive test and the rapid test user's name on the top of the cassette/strip containing the positive result
 - ii. Put the cassette/strip next to the user's National Health Insurance (NHI) card and take a picture.
 - iii. If the evaluation will be done in person by going to a doctor in a hospital/clinic, the cassette/strip should be wrapped in a zipper bag or plastic bag and brought to the hospital/clinic.
 - iv. Show the cassette/strip with the positive result during the on-site or online doctor evaluation.
- II. If the evaluation will be done online, please upload the picture in accordance with the doctor's instructions. If the evaluation will be done on-site, uploading the photo is not required. However, it is recommended that the evaluating doctor call the rapid test user or his or her legal representative to make sure that the result is indeed his or hers.
- III. If a consensus regarding the positive test result is reached between the user and the doctor, please dispose of or deface the used cassette/strip.

Precautions for those rapid-tested positive and planning to have in-person consultations

To lower the risk of virus spread, the following should be noted when you visit a hospital or clinic in person:

- I. If the positive test result will be confirmed by going to a doctor in a hospital/clinic, the cassette/strip should be wrapped in a zipper bag or plastic bag and brought to the hospital/clinic.
- II. Wear a mask the whole time when going out. Do not use public

transportation. Going to the hospital by driving, riding, walking, or getting a ride from a family member or friend (both parties should wear masks the entire time) is allowed.

- III. Wear a mask properly, keep respiratory hygiene and coughing etiquette, and keep your hands clean.
- IV. Follow the medical institution's route directions and procedure for seeking medical help.
- V. Take the initiative to inform the medical institution of the result of your rapid test during check-in.
- VI. Avoid having contact or talking with other people. Avoid having food unless for hydrating.
- VII. Avoid going to places that are not necessary for your medical treatment in the hospital. Do not enter the food court area.

Doctor's evaluation and confirmation procedure

- I. Check the patient's NHI card or national identification card online or in person.
- II. Cross-check the patient's name, age, and if the name is identical with the information written on the cassette/strip and NHI card. Inquire about the patient's symptoms and make an evaluation.
- III. Ask the patient to explain how they did the rapid test and show the cassette/strip that shows a positive result confirming that it is their own result. The doctor will do an overall evaluation.
- IV. Once the doctor and the patient reach a consensus, the patient will be asked to deface or destroy the test cassette/strip under the supervision of medical staff. The case will be reported in accordance with relevant regulations, and the medical institution's "COVID-19 positive rapid test evaluation and reporting reimbursement" will be filed, with the medical institution receiving NT\$500 per case under the payment code E5209C.

- V. The consulting doctor proceeds with their evaluation for the patient receiving home care. If the patient meets the conditions for oral antiviral drug treatment, oral antiviral drug prescriptions will be given after the doctor explains and obtains consent from the patient according to the process for prescribing oral antiviral drugs or COVID-19 treatment regimens.
- VI. If the doctor and the patient fail to reach a consensus, the patient should take a PCR or at-home rapid test again.

Note:

1. Eligibility for government-funded medical services related to COVID-19:

A. Medical expenses related to isolation and treatment covered by the government: R.O.C. nationals (regardless of NHI status), foreign nationals enrolled in the NHI program, and employed foreign nationals in Taiwan (including blue-collar foreign workers, white-collar foreign workers, missing foreign workers, and foreign fishermen employed in Taiwan, i.e. foreign nationals whose passports and visas have “A” or “FL” indicated in the note column).

B. Medical expenses related to isolation and treatment not covered by the government: foreign nationals not enrolled in the NHI program, i.e. foreign nationals not mentioned in the previous paragraph.

2. For a list of designated hospitals/clinics that provide self-paid medical services for foreign nationals not enrolled in the NHI program, please go to the Taiwan Centers for Disease Control website:

(<https://www.cdc.gov.tw/Category/List/FLxJE36H3h5ud4aEriLU5w>) (updated as required)

*For a list of medical institutions that can provide COVID-19 positive rapid test result telemedicine or on-site consultations by region, please go to the website of the Taiwan Centers for Disease Control:

(<https://www.cdc.gov.tw/Category/Page/ugPcFc7gP17OnKODn3KjNQ>).

Additionally, please refer to the list of medical institutions that offer

telemedicine consultations during COVID-19 in the link below:

https://www.nhi.gov.tw/Content_List.aspx?n=1482911120B73697&topn=787128DAD5F71B1A