

COVID-19 Preventive Protocols for Workers and Participants in the Hajj Season (June 2022)

Prevention:

- **General Requirements:**

1. It is required for workers and participants in the Hajj season to complete the basic immunizations and health certificate.
2. It is required for all workers to wear face mask in all places (closed and open) at all times.
3. Referring to the guidelines on occupational hazards for non-health workers during the Hajj season.

- **About Workers and Participants in the Hajj Activities:**

1. All workers and participants in Hajj activities from different sectors are required to receive the basic doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, in addition to the first booster shot, if it is due.
2. In the event that there is a medical exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine, the preventive drug approved by the Ministry of Health (MOH) must be taken.

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3. It is required that all workers and participants in Hajj activities from different sectors have received the meningitis vaccine during the past five years, and provide proof of that.

4. It is recommended to take other preventive vaccinations stipulated in the national immunization schedule for adults, which are: the seasonal influenza vaccine, the chickenpox vaccine, and the MMR combined vaccine, in coordination with health service providers in different sectors.

Reporting and Monitoring:

Regarding reporting and isolation, infected or suspected workers are dealt with according to the following:

- Immediately reporting all workers or participants in the Hajj season who have confirmed COVID-19 infection.

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- Infected workers and those in close contact with them who show symptoms will be isolated in their own residence until their situation is evaluated by public health teams.
- Isolation rooms that meet the requirements of home isolation must be provided in the workers' housing.
- The case will be evaluated by the public health team regarding the period and place of isolation.

Awareness:

- Intensifying awareness campaigns for workers through government agencies supervising preventive measures, by referring to the requirements and updates published on the websites of MOH and the Public Health Authority.
- Urging those with chronic diseases to avoid participating in this year's Hajj season for the sake of their health.
- Publishing the awareness-raising contents in prominent places, and it should be written in different languages, and include the following:
 - Ways of the disease spread and prevention.
 - Raising awareness of washing hands, avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth.

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- Following coughing and sneezing etiquette.
- The importance of wearing face mask.
- The health education team educates the workers participating in the Hajj season.