

STATEMENT CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 IN PERU

Regarding the first confirmed cases of patients with COVID-19 in our country, we would like to state the following:

1. Clinica Ricardo Palma and its PlanSalud program will, as always, serve all the people who come to our establishment in search of medical care.
2. PlanSalud coverage is the same as always. We have highlighted that coverage is not different at all due to suspicion or screening of having contracted a Coronavirus infection.
3. In the event that any of our PlanSalud affiliates or any other patient at Clinica Ricardo Palma is symptomatic and meets the risk criteria for Coronavirus, all the official and mandatory compliance mechanisms established by the Ministry of Health for all public or private health entities at the national level will be activated.
4. According to the protocol established by the Ministry of Health (MINSa), the conditions for suspected infection with Covid-19 are the following:
 - a) Person with acute respiratory infection (fever accompanied by some other respiratory sign or symptom, for example: cough, shortness of breath) and without another etiology that explains the clinical presentation and a travel history or having lived in a country with local transmission of Covid -19 during the 14 days prior to the onset of symptoms.
 - b) Person with an acute respiratory infection and who had contact with a confirmed or probable case of Covid-19 infection, during the 14 days prior to the onset of symptoms.
 - c) Person with severe acute respiratory infection -IRAG- (fever over 38°, cough, respiratory distress and requiring hospitalization) and without another etiology that fully explains the clinical picture.

In all the cases described above, you must:

- a) Take a sample to be sent to the National Institute of Health (INS), the only institution in Peru authorized to do so and that has the diagnostic test for this case.
- b) Make the corresponding epidemiological file. The results will be communicated to our affiliates as they become available.
- c) If the person does not need to be hospitalized, home isolation will be indicated, and both PlanSalud of Clinica Ricardo Palma, in addition to the MINSa, will communicate periodically to monitor their symptoms and communicate the results of the test that is sent to us by the INS, all always in coordination with the Ministry of Health.

It should be noted that 80% of the symptoms are mild and moderate, not requiring hospitalization.

If hospitalization is necessary, we will coordinate your care with the MINSa based on current guidelines and mandatory compliance at the national level. If your situation is critical, the corresponding care will be provided immediately.

Our staff has been duly trained in the care protocol for these cases in order to provide the corresponding health care and isolate the patient in order not to spread the possible infection.

Clinica Ricardo Palma and its PlanSalud program reaffirm its commitment towards each and every one of its patients in the pursuit of their well-being and of all Peruvians.

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