

## CORRIGENDA

### **Home care for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and management of their contacts: interim guidance**

**(WHO/2019-nCoV/IPC/HomeCare/2020.4)**

#### **Page 1, line 4**

*Delete:* 11 August 2020

*Insert:* 12 August 2020

#### **Page 3, column 2, lines 19–21**

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- Waste generated from providing care to the patient should be placed in strong bags and disposed of as infectious waste (14).

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- Dispose of waste generated from providing care to the patient as infectious waste in strong bags or safety boxes as appropriate, close completely and remove from the home (14).

#### **Page 4, column 2, lines 11–17**

*Delete:* Anyone, including caregivers and health workers, who shares a home with a COVID-19 patient is considered a contact. Contacts should remain in quarantine at home and monitor their health for 14 days from the last day of possible contact with the infected person (12). Guidance on follow up and management of contacts can be found in the [Public health surveillance for COVID-19](#).

*Insert:* A contact is a person who has experienced any one of the following exposures during the two days before and the 14 days after the onset of symptoms of a probable or confirmed case: 1. face-to-face contact with a probable or confirmed case within 1 metre and for at least 15 minutes; 2. direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case; 3. direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without using recommended personal protective equipment; 4. other situations as indicated by local risk assessments.

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These corrections have been incorporated into the electronic file.