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**Precautionary Measures for Labor Accommodations,
Transportations, and Working at Construction Sites.**

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1. Purpose

This document provides guidance from Health and Safety Department and Building Control Department in Dubai Municipality to assist the owners or operators of labor accommodations for taking precautionary measures in accommodations, buses and construction sites.

2. Scope

All labor accommodations and construction sites in Dubai

3. Accommodation precautionary measures.

3.1 Labor management responsibilities

- ❖ Increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfection of facilities and direct contact surfaces for individuals inside accommodation such as:
 - Bathrooms, shower rooms and laundries
 - Dining room tables and chairs.
 - Kitchen and related-facilities.
 - Handles of all doors.
 - Overnight rooms and related personal accessories.
 - Elevator buttons and hand handles inside.
 - Electronic device controls (TV, air conditioning, lighting)
 - Stair handles
 - Mosques and Praying rooms (if any)
- ❖ Availability of hand wash liquid in all accommodation sinks
- ❖ Availability of hand sanitizers at the entrance, corridors and inside buses
- ❖ Labors symptoms check before leaving and entering the accommodation
- ❖ Availability of isolation rooms in appropriate numbers to isolate suspected labors, in addition to first aid room
- ❖ Availability of disposable water cups
- ❖ Availability of multi-languages signboards that the labors understand about virus prevention methods
- ❖ Follow instructions in re-opening of recreational areas re-opening circulars.
- ❖ Encourage labors to follow the social distancing practices inside accommodation and prevention of more than 3 people gathering
- ❖ Encourage labors to follow proper health behavior and prevent spitting

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- ❖ Encourage labors to wear facemask outside rooms

3.2 Overnight rooms

- Proper room (mechanical and natural) ventilation Regular cleaning and disinfection using products approved by Dubai Municipality
- Avoid crowdedness inside rooms

3.3 Toilets

- Proper toilets (mechanical and natural) ventilation Providing Dubai Municipality approved hand washing liquid in all toilets
- Provide guidance on how to wash the hands properly
- Regular cleaning and disinfection using products approved by Dubai Municipality

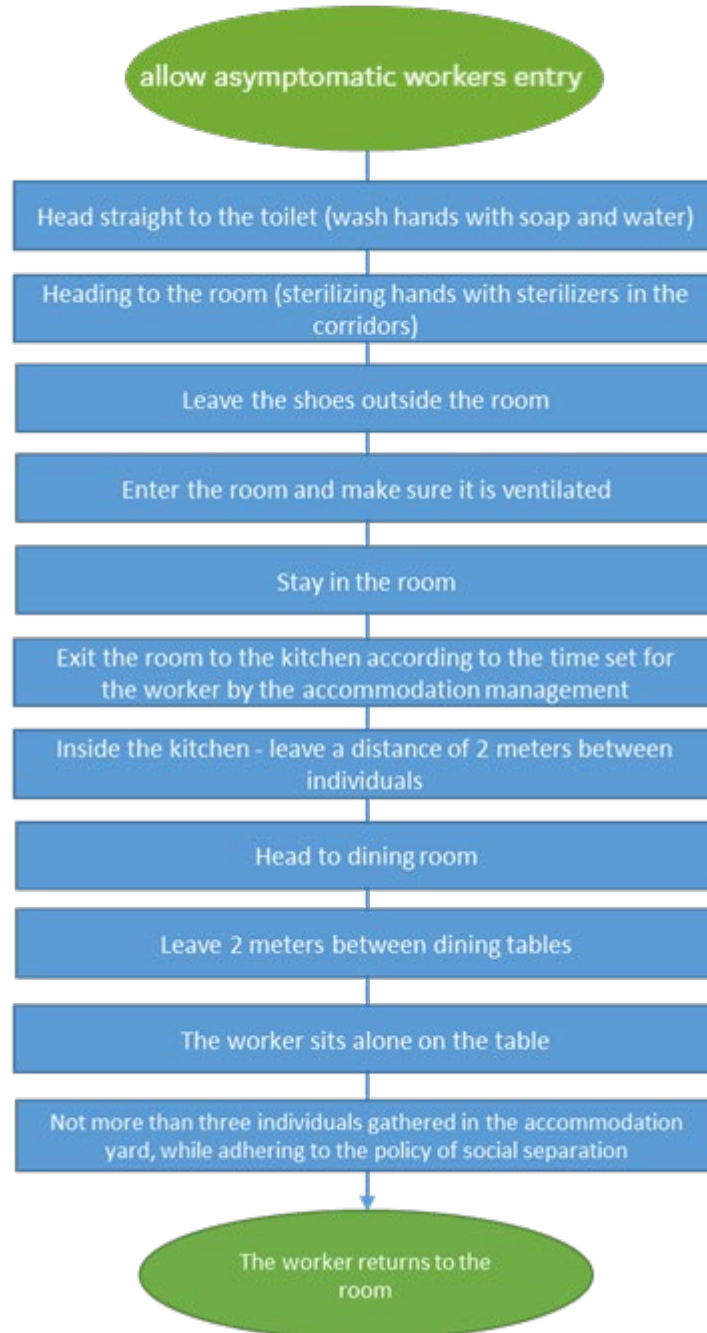
3.4 Kitchen

- Follow social distancing guide within the kitchen, and maintain a distance of 2 meters between individuals inside the kitchen.
- Rotation of kitchen use by labors and not allowed all labors to be inside the kitchen at the same time
- Regular cleaning and cleaning of the kitchen and tools inside by products approved by Dubai Municipality

3.5 Dining room

- Distance of 2 meters between the dining tables to be kept
- Crowdedness in the dining room is not allowed and to keep one person per table
- Enter the dining hall in batches to prevent overcrowding
- If catering services is available, food served in the form of ready meals, with providing social distancing guiding signs at food supply outlet.
- Necessity of leaving dining room immediately after eating.
- Regular cleaning and disinfection of toilets using products approved by Dubai Municipality

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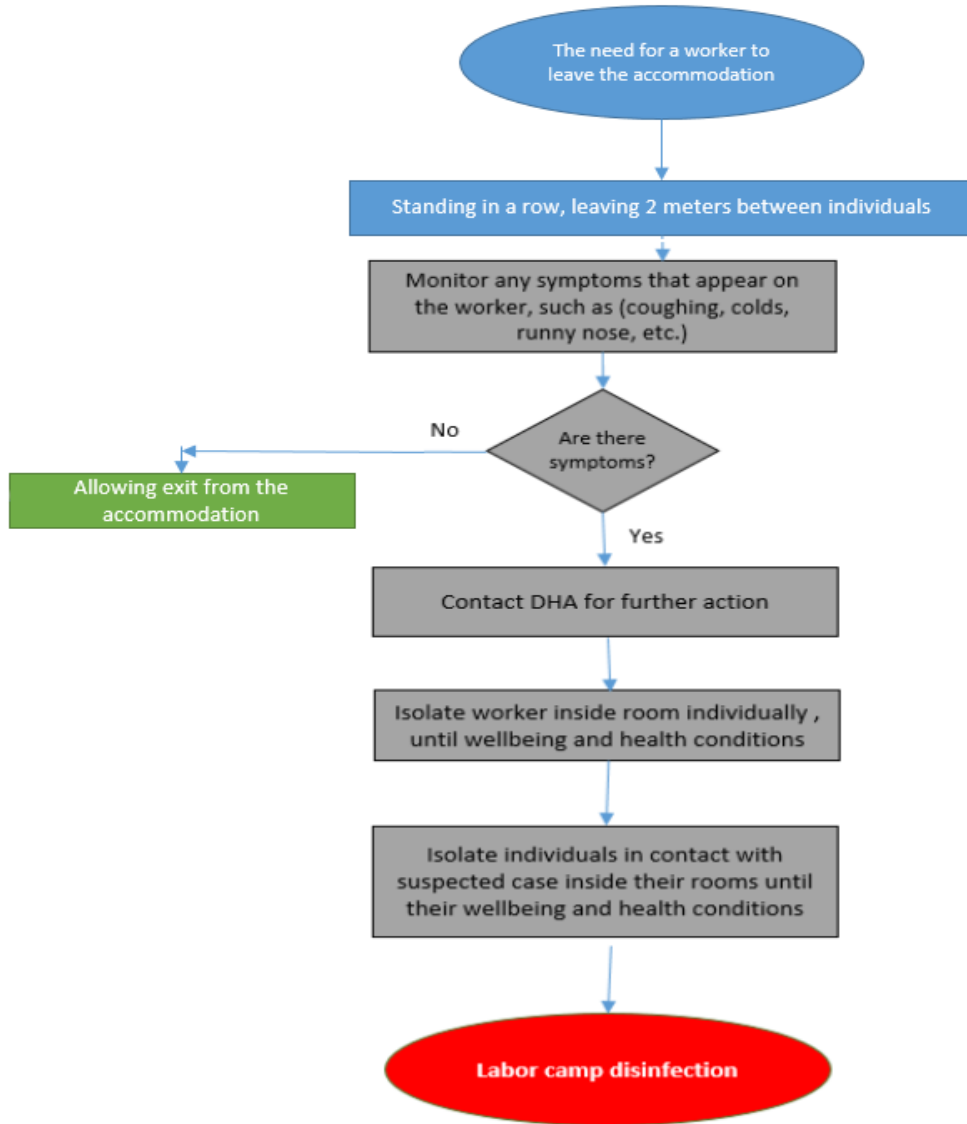
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4. Leaving accommodation precautionary measures.

- ❖ Get off the bus in a sequential form and line up in line with a distance of 2 meters between the individuals housing officials.
- ❖ Workers monitoring for any symptoms appear on workers.
- ❖ In case of symptoms appearance such as coughing – colds, the following shall be taken:
 - Isolate worker inside an isolation room with attached bathroom (in case if no separate bathroom inside room, assigning a private bathroom is necessary).
 - Contact DHA for necessary procedures.
 - Isolate individuals who share same room of suspected case in their room, until confirming the suspected case.
 - If case confirmed, contact DHA for transferring in-contact individuals in quarantine.
 - Accommodation sterilization by a Dubai Municipality listed company, with using Dubai Municipality approved biocides, and company shall provide certificate upon request.

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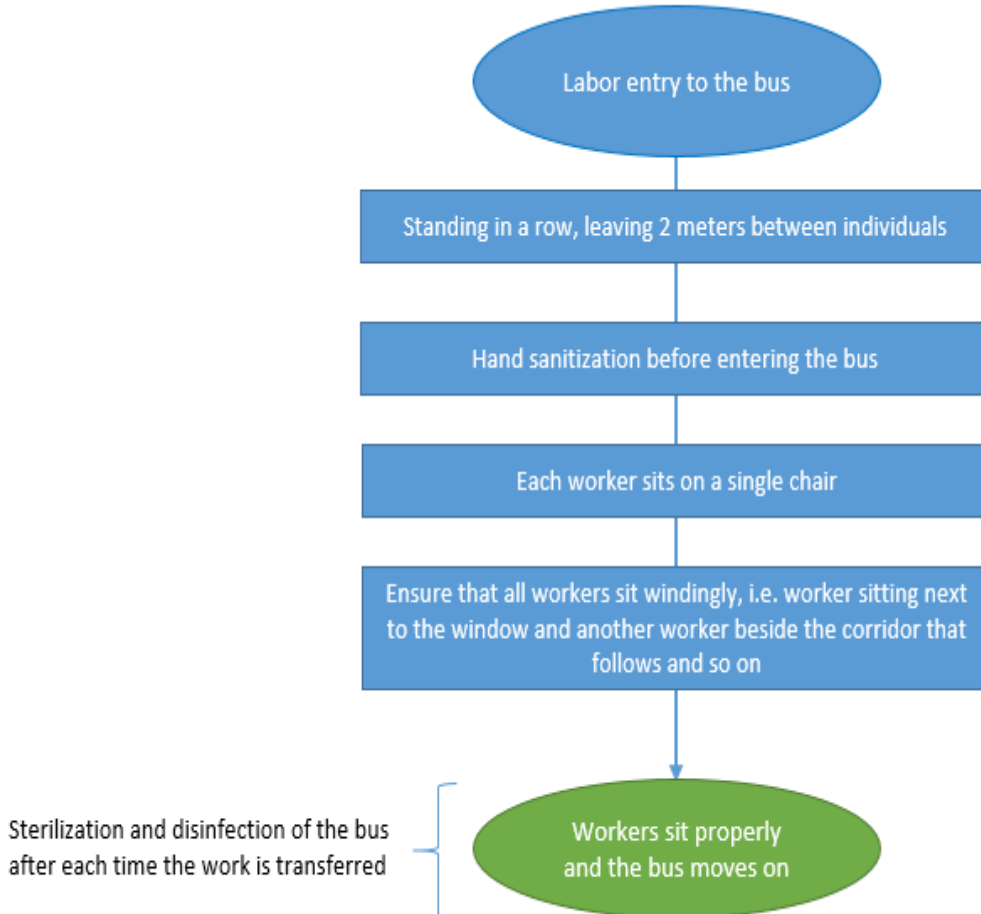
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5. Bus entry and journeys precautionary measures.

- ❖ Bus sterilization before labors entry (sterilize chairs and hand handles)
- ❖ line up with 2 meters distance between labors
- ❖ Wearing facemask all the time
- ❖ labors without flu like symptoms are only allowed to enter the bus
- ❖ hand sanitizer to be kept at bus entrance
- ❖ labor must sanitize their hands upon entry
- ❖ Using tissues when sneezing or coughing , and cover mouth by arm if tissues are not available
- ❖ Avoid handshakes ,and direct contact with others
- ❖ Bus sterilization after labors transportation and before next trip
- ❖ Follow instructions of public transport by RTA (road and transport authority) regarding the allowed number of worker in each trip.

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6. Construction sites precautionary measures.

All companies working in the construction sector must abide by the precautionary measures within the work sites described as below:

- ❖ Ensure workers get off from buses regularly and maintain a distance of not less than 2 meters between the worker and the other
- ❖ Provide and oblige workers to wear personal protective equipment such as muzzles, gloves and glasses.
- ❖ Workers distribution in maximum 3 to 5 workers per group at work sites, with 2 meters spacing consideration while places entries and during work progress as much as possible, and to avoid workers crowdedness inside site lifts provided with signs of measures.
- ❖ Providing tools and materials sterilization Clearance is sufficient in various locations on site such as entrances, exits, temporary offices, lifts, warehouses (stores), bathrooms and all floors of the project.
- ❖ Distribution of workers' rest times at the sites at different times in order to avoid gatherings in rest and dining areas while ensuring safety distance among them and providing cups and tools for use.
- ❖ Providing sufficient waste containers in worksite, disposed periodically.
- ❖ Ensure workers get off from buses regularly and in maintained distance after worksite duty.
- ❖ Avoid all site's office meetings, and virtual way instead.
- ❖ Not using attendance fingerprints devices, and reduce paper mailing as possible by using electronic mails instead.
- ❖ Implement remote (distant) work for staff eligible to work from home.
- ❖ Provide protective overalls for stores workers, where the most workers dealing with others during delivery and dispatching materials and tools.
- ❖ Periodical disinfection for worksite offices, temporary offices, bathrooms, stores, tools and equipment used in project.

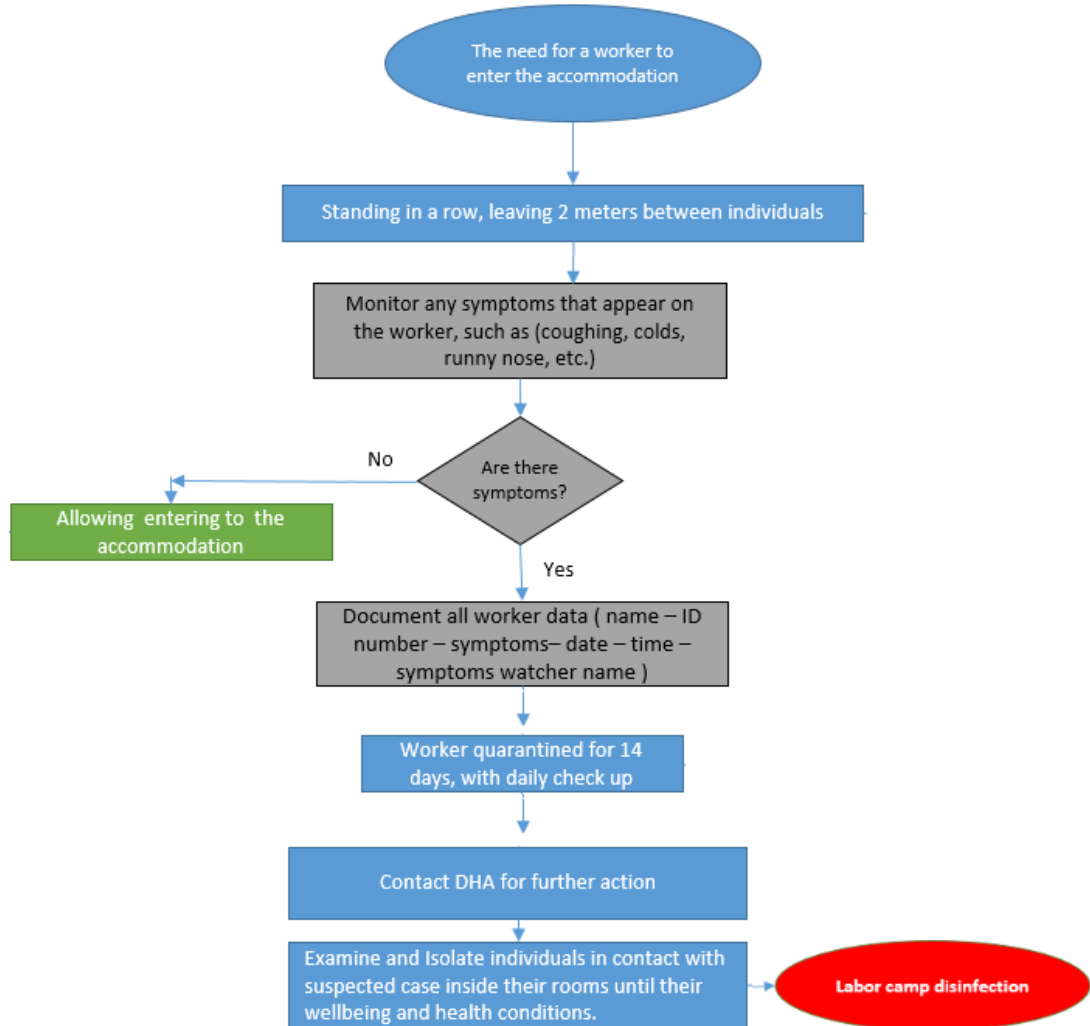
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