

APPENDIX I: ALGORITHM FOR POSTNATAL CARE SCREENING AND TRIAGING DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Delivery outside/ follow up/ readmission to the health facility:

- Prior to entrance to the triage area:
- Mother wears clean cloth mask and washes hands with soap and water or uses hand sanitizer
- If with baby, should be in skin to skin

SCREENING area: Screening for COVID-19

Ask if mother has recently travelled from an area with known community spread of COVID-19 or has been in contact with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case

- Ask if she has fever, cough or difficulty in breathing Take the mothers temperature and note if $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$
- If yes to above questions health worker should don face mask

PRIOR TO SENDING TO ISOLATION AREA PERFORM A QUICK CLINICAL ASSESSMENT AND STABILISE

Triage area: (HCW should don medical mask)

Quick clinical assessment

Does the mother have any of the following: heavy bleeding, seizures, altered mental status, severe headache, visual changes? elevated BP, trauma?

Does the baby have any of the following: difficulty in breathing, seizures, baby too hot or too cold, baby born too early/prematurity?

If yes to the above initiate management and stabilise

Rapid Assessment and Management for COVID-19

Follow protocol for management of postpartum and breast-feeding woman with suspect or confirmed COVID-19

- Proceed to waiting area:
- Observe IPC precaution

Newborn Care at Home

- HCW washes hands before examining newborn and dons appropriate PPE
- Routine PNC for the newborn be provided as per national protocol
- HCW washes hands with soap and water or hand sanitizing after examination of each newborn
- Counsel on danger signs and for possible COVID-19 symptoms for the baby and actions to take
- Counsel on exclusive breastfeeding, keeping baby warm, immunizations, and day to day care
- Manage any newborn illness or complications according to national protocol
- If baby is well enough to go home, give follow up date and time
- Record data in register and newborn card
- Wipe all materials and surfaces used with disinfectants (thermometer, weighing scale etc.)
- IPC and waste management as per protocol