

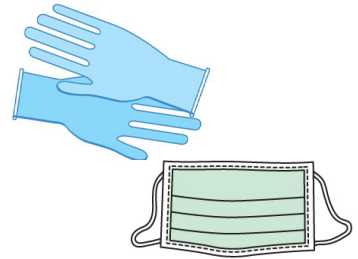
REVISED RAS PROTOCOL FOR CHVS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

COVID-19 does not seem to affect children seriously, but children may present to CHVs with symptoms similar to those of COVID-19. All CHVs should follow the advice below.

Carefully **wash your hands** with soap and water.

Keep a **2 metre distance** from the child and their carers.

Wear a mask if you have one. Otherwise tie a cloth or scarf over your mouth and nose.



Wear gloves.

Ask the parents what danger signs they have observed.

Now **observe** the child yourself.

► Do you see signs and symptoms of severe malaria?

Signs of severe malaria

These are fever plus one of the following:

- Lethargic or unconscious
- Refusing to eat or drink
- Fitting
- Vomiting everything

If there are signs of severe malaria, administer RAS if you have gloves.

If you don't have gloves, advise the carers on how to administer RAS.

You should now do an RDT.

► If you do not see the signs of severe malaria, are there signs of COVID-19?

Signs of COVID-19

Common COVID-19 symptoms in children include:

- New, continuous cough
- Fever

If the child has these signs, they and their carers must isolate at home for 14 days.

There is no treatment for COVID-19.

Most children recover well from COVID-19.

If the child finds it difficult to breathe, go quickly to the health facility.

If there is ETS in the community, the riders can support the family.

► If you do not see the signs of COVID-19, check for the signs of pneumonia.

Signs of pneumonia

- Rapid breathing
- Chest in-drawing

If the child has signs of pneumonia, refer them to the health facility for treatment.

Tell the child's carers not to delay.

Carefully and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water.