



GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH
INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL

COVID-19 EDUCATION TRAINING REPORT

INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL

Savaii Trainings: 9 – 11 September 2020

Upolu Trainings: 15 – 18 September 2020

1. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:

The World Bank Project in partnership with the Government of Samoa through the Ministry of Health (MOH), provides capacity building program to improve knowledge and skills of health professionals in the management of infection prevention and control (IPC) in Samoa. IPC practices are important in maintaining a safe environment for everyone by reducing the risks of potential spread of infections.

To further support the standard IPC precautions outlined in the Infection Control Policy 2011-2016, the primary goal of the educational trainings was to highlight to the health professionals the importance of infection prevention procedures and the impact of COVID-19 virus, preventing and/or reducing the risks of the virus transmission and to ensure a safe and healthy hospital environment for our patients, for them (healthcare providers) and visitors.

The aim of the training was for the health professionals to develop an understanding on the risks associated with the COVID-19 virus and their duty of care as healthcare professionals to prevent further transmission should Samoa contracts the virus. This includes but not limited to;

- strengthening hand hygiene compliance,
- sterilisation procedures for equipment,
- environmental cleaning and disinfection,
- management of hospital linen,
- management of body fluids and blood,
- healthcare waste segregation,
- safe handling of sharps,
- proper use of personal protective equipments (PPEs), and
- ensuring compliance to IPC Policies, Protocols and Guidelines.

2. TRAINING OBJECTIVES:

- Understand roles and responsibilities in the prevention and control of COVID-19 virus/infections.
- Understand the legislation and policies relating to the prevention and control of infections.
- Understand systems and procedures relating to the prevention and control of infections related to COVID-19 virus.
- Understand the importance of risk assessment in relation to the prevention and control of infections related to COVID-19 virus.
- Understand the importance of hand hygiene compliance and proper use of PPEs in the prevention and control of infections related to COVID-19 virus.

3. TRAINING SESSION OUTLINE

PRESENTERS:
Presenter 1 Joyce Roache Levaai Presenter 2 George Faaleaoga Pouvi Tea
VENUES:
MTII Hospital: MTII Conference Room Savaii District Hospitals: At respective District Health Facilities TTM Hospital: Clinical: Conference Room, 3 rd Floor Emergency Building Upolu District Hospitals: At respective District Health Facilities
DATES:
Savaii Trainings: 9 th – 11 th September 2020 Upolu Trainings: 15 th – 18 th September 2020
TIMES:
Session 1: 9am-12pm Session 2: 1pm-4pm
NUMBER OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TRAINED:
Savaii Health Professionals: 81 Upolu Health Professionals: 202
LANGUAGE:
English & Samoan (Bilingual)
TRAINING AGENDA:
1. Registration 2. Opening Remarks 3. Prayer 4. Pre-Quiz 5. Presentation 6. Mock Scenarios 7. Discussions 8. Participants Feedback 9. Closing Remarks 10. Closing Prayer

4. TRAINING SUMMARY

The trainings was designed to remind the healthcare workers about the importance of maintaining a safe environment for everyone by reducing the risk of the potential spread of infections and how to properly implement IPC measures to ensure there is no further transmission to healthcare workers, patients and visitors in the healthcare facilities. It further provided information to highlight the importance of IPC procedures and developing an understanding about the risks associated with the potential spread of COVID-19 virus should Samoa contracts a positive case, and their duty of care as healthcare professionals to prevent this in order to ensure a safe and healthy hospital environment for our patients, healthcare providers and visitors as well as the community at large.

ANNEX:



