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From	Department of Healthcare Professions/Department of E- Health/Ministry of Public Health
To	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Healthcare users / patients / clients - All physicians / dentists• All Healthcare Facilities/ focal points in the state of Qatar• All employers (governmental & private)
Subject	Virtual appointments/medical consultation & electronic sick leaves as one of the measures to control the spread of (COVID-19)
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“The Department of Healthcare Professions presents to you its compliments”

In alignment with the Department of Healthcare Professions 'actions to deal with the current situation of the novel Corona virus (COVID-19) and in collaboration with the E-Health department/Ministry of Public Health, and in its pursuit to control the spread of (COVID-19), we would like to announce the following **applicable for a temporary period, until further direction**:

- If available from the healthcare entity, Patients/clients can have a remote appointment through the use of virtual video/telephone consultation by physicians from different specialties with no need to physically visit the healthcare facilities premises.
- The patient can be issued sick leave electronically as a result of this remote appointment/virtual consultation and the patient can download the sick leave certificate through this link : <https://www.qchp.org.qa/en/Pages/ValidateEJaza.aspx> available on the MOPH website using QID/HC Number, then send it to his employer by email for approval.
- All employers are kindly requested to accept this electronic form of the sick leaves that have an electronic signature from the treating physician, even without physical physicians' signature or stamp. This sick leave can be further validated by the employer by using the same above-mentioned link if needed.
- This process is mainly implemented in Hamad Medical Corporation and Primary healthcare corporation; however, it is still applicable for any healthcare facilities using this type of healthcare delivery during this period facing the country.

“Stay home for Qatar”

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Thank you for your cooperation,

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