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# Specialized department for patients with COVID-19 is organized at the National TB Center

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By the KR MOH Order, one of the first specialized departments for patients with COVID-19 was created at the National TB Center (NTC). This decision was made due to the fact that the NCP, by its specificity, has extensive experience working with the infectious disease - tuberculosis. "We have

prepared the building, and it is isolated from the main building in compliance with all necessary infection control measures," says Bolot Maikanaev, NTC Director.

The Department (for 38 beds) will operate in compliance with all important infection control requirements: separate wards are organized for severe patients and the ones with a milder course of the disease; resuscitation unit for two intensive care beds with mechanical ventilation and another ward for severe patients, all these facilities are equipped.

The NTC staff has already been trained in safety issues, both for their own and safety of their colleagues when working with patients with coronavirus all, and use of personal protective equipment. Also, in order to protect personnel from the so-called "professional burnout" syndrome, associated with working in long-term isolation conditions, psychological support training was held with engagement of professional psychologists.

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