



The Republic of Uganda
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS AND LEPROSY CONTROL PROGRAMME
NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS REFERENCE LABORATORY

MEMO

To: ALL CLIENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS

From: THE LABORATORY DIRECTOR
UGANDA NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS REFERENCE LABORATORY/WHO
SUPRANATIONAL TB REFERENCE LABORATORY

Date: 26th MARCH, 2020

Re: ADJUSTMENT IN OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 THREAT PERIOD

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic which is rapidly spreading across many countries including Uganda. This therefore compelled the government of Uganda to institute necessary measures to control the spread of the virus and keep all Ugandans safe.

The NTRL wishes to continue with service delivery as well as ensuring that all Presidential directives and Ministry of Health guidelines are strictly adhered to for the safety of all. In this regard the Uganda NTRL/SRL will be working with reduced workforce at any given point in time – as part of the safety precautions.

Therefore, the adjustments in operations may affect the **Results' Turn Around Time (TAT)** across all the tests offered at the NTRL/SRL. This implies that clients' result reports dispatch is anticipated to take longer than our standard stipulated times, during this entire period.

We kindly request all to bear with this temporary arrangement and assure you that when the situation gets back to normal, communication will be sent out to that effect. We will keep you updated.

We apologize for any inconvenience. **STAY SAFE!**

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PROF. MOSES JOLOBA
LABORATORY DIRECTOR