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COVID-19 UPDATE

RESULTS OF COVID-19 TESTS DONE ON 19th AUGUST 2020

The Ministry of Health would like to inform the general public that results from COVID-19 tests carried out on 19th August, 2020 confirmed 94 new COVID-19 cases. This brings the total confirmed COVID-19 cases of Ugandans to 1,750.

Uganda has recorded three (3) new COVID-19 deaths bringing the total COVID-19 deaths to 19.

The fatalities are residents of Kampala; two males aged 45 and 31 years old and a 57-year-old female who passed on while in admission at different private hospitals in Kampala. They presented with signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

The breakdown of the 94 new COVID-19 cases is as follows:

Fifty-three (53) are alerts; - fifty-one (51) from Kampala, two (2) from Buvuma and Wakiso.

Thirty-three (33) are contacts to previously confirmed cases; - twenty-one (21) from Kampala, six (6) from Nakaseke, three (3) from Wakiso, two (2) from Adjumani and one (1) from Koboko.

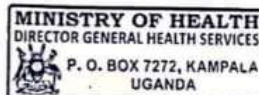
Seven (7) are truck drivers who arrived via various points of entry; Three (3) via Busia, two (2) via Lia and two (2) via Goli and Elegu.

One (1) returnee from Kenya tested positive for COVID-19.

Fourteen (14) foreign truck drivers (9 Kenyans, 3 Congolese and 2 Rwandese) tested positive for COVID-19 at the border points of entry and their entry into the country was not permitted.

In light of the spike in new cases in Kampala Metropolitan Area, this is evident that the rate of community transmission is high. The public is **STRONGLY** advised to take personal responsibility to avoid contracting COVID-19. The earlier we change our attitude and behavior towards COVID-19, the better for our health and nation.

The Ministry appeals to the population including users of public transport to wear a face mask at all times, and wear it properly- ensure that the nose, mouth and chin are fully covered, practice good hand hygiene and maintain a social distance whenever in public. COVID-19 is dangerous, spreads fast and it kills both the young and the elderly alike, as statistics both locally and globally have shown.



A summary of the results from the laboratory is shown below.

Number of new confirmed cases today	94
Number of Ugandan truck drivers confirmed today	7
Number of alerts confirmed today	53
Number of contacts confirmed today	33
Number of returnees confirmed today	1
Cumulative confirmed cases of Ugandans to-date	1,750
COVID-19 deaths today	3
COVID-19 deaths registered to-date	19
Cumulative Ugandan recoveries to-date	1,194
Number of foreign truck drivers who tested positive for COVID-19 and were requested to return to their country of origin	14
Samples from Points of Entry tested today	952
Samples from Alerts and Contacts tested today	2,094
Total number of samples tested today	3,046
Cumulative COVID-19 samples tested to-date	336,713



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