

COVID-19 UPDATE

RESULTS OF COVID-19 TESTS DONE ON 08thAUGUST 2020

The Ministry of Health would like to inform the public that Uganda has registered one COVID-19 death today. This brings the total COVID-19 deaths to seven (7).

The deceased, is a 49-year-old Ugandan female, a resident of Wakiso who was an HIV positive patient and on treatment. She also had a history of asthma and Tuberculosis (TB). These are risk factors for COVID-19.

On 06th August, 2020, she presented at a private health facility in Wakiso with signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19 which include: high fever, difficulty in breathing, chest pain, abdominal pain. Upon admission, the attending clinicians suspected COVID-19 and informed Ministry of Health. Samples were taken off and sent to laboratories for analysis. Results from the analysis confirmed SARS-COV-2. Unfortunately, she passed away today morning at the private facility. May her soul rest in eternal peace. The contact tracing and listing process has begun and so far, 35 contacts have been listed.

In the same vein, sixteen (16) new COVID-19 cases were confirmed from samples tested on 08th August, 2020. Out of the new confirmed cases; ten (10) are alerts, two (2) are contacts to previously confirmed cases while four (4) are truck drivers.

Regarding the alerts:- five (5) are from Kampala Metropolitan Area, one (1) is from Bugiri, one (1) is from Bukwo, one (1) is from Nakaseke while two (2) are from Wakiso of which, one mentioned above, succumbed to the disease.

Two (2) contacts to previously confirmed cases are from Wakiso District.

All the four (4) truck drivers arrived from Kenya; three (3) via Malaba and one (1) via Busia Points of Entry.

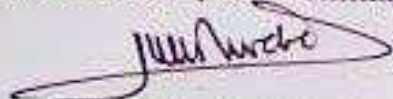
Fifteen (15) foreign truck drivers (12 Kenyans and 3 Tanzanians) tested positive for COVID-19 at the border points of entry and their entry into the country was not permitted.



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




Number of new confirmed cases today	16
Number of Ugandan truck drivers confirmed today	4
Number of alerts confirmed today	10
Number of contacts confirmed today	2
Number of returnees confirmed today	0
Cumulative confirmed cases of Ugandans to-date	1,283
COVID-19 deaths today	1
COVID-19 deaths registered to-date	7
Cumulative Ugandan recoveries to-date	1,115
Number of foreign truck drivers who tested positive for COVID-19 and were requested to return to their country of origin	15
Samples from Points of Entry tested today	1,284
Samples from Alerts and Contacts tested today	1,920
Total number of samples tested today	3,204
Cumulative COVID-19 samples tested to-date	296,601

The Ministry of Health appeals to the general public to call the toll free line on **0800-100-066** or **0800-203-033** to report any suspected person with signs and symptoms similar to COVID-19.



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