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COVID-19 UPDATE

RESULTS OF COVID-19 TESTS DONE ON 18th AUGUST 2020

The Ministry of Health would like to inform the general public that Uganda has registered one (1) death. This brings the total COVID-19 deaths to sixteen (16).

The deceased is a 60-year-old Ugandan male from Mbale District. He presented at a private health facility in Mbale District with signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and was under isolation. He was then referred to Mbale Regional Referral Hospital for further management where he passed on. A total of sixteen (16) contacts to the deceased have so far been listed.

In the same vein, results from samples tested on 18th August 2020 confirmed 53 new COVID-19 cases. Of the fifty-three (53) confirmed cases; thirty-five (35) are alerts and eighteen (18) are contacts to previously confirmed cases.


Regarding the thirty-two (32) alerts; - twenty-eight (28) are from Kampala, two (2) from Wakiso, two (2) from Amuru and three (3) from Buikwe, Buvuma and Soroti

The eighteen (18) contacts to previously confirmed cases are broken down as follows;- ten (10) are from Kikuube, five (5) are from Kampala and three (3) are from Busia, Masindi and Wakiso.

Eleven (11) foreign truck drivers (10 Kenyans and 1 Rwandese) 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	53
Number of Ugandan truck drivers confirmed today	0
Number of alerts confirmed today	35
Number of contacts confirmed today	18
Number of returnees confirmed today	0
Cumulative confirmed cases of Ugandans to-date	1,656
COVID-19 deaths today	1
COVID-19 deaths registered to-date	16
Cumulative Ugandan recoveries to-date	1,188
Number of foreign truck drivers who tested positive for COVID-19 and were requested to return to their country of origin	11
Samples from Points of Entry tested today	1,955
Samples from Alerts and Contacts tested today	2,170
Total number of samples tested today	4,125
Cumulative COVID-19 samples tested to-date	333,667

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