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## FREE COVID-19 TESTING IN PUBLIC MEDICAL LABORATORIES: GAMLS GUIDES ON PROCESSES

The Ghana Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists (GAMLS) seeks to commend the Ministry of Health (MoH), Ghana, for re-iterating the fact that cost for COVID-19 Tests in the public medical laboratories remain free as released on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.

Prompt and regular testing to identify cases to facilitate management, quarantine, and isolation to curb further spread is key to winning the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

GAMLS acknowledges the joy the public expressed and seeks to give guidance to the processes to benefit fully at any public facility when COVID-19 testing is indicated.

1. All persons requiring covid-19 test need to report to the nearest clinic/hospital.
2. You will be screened/checked and referred when there is the need to test for COVID-19.
3. You will be given a secret number that will enable the outbreak response team to contact you when the report is ready.
4. The team will collect the appropriate sample for processing and testing.
5. The request for COVID-19 testing will be sent to the laboratory using the online database for the management of the response to the pandemic.
6. The medical laboratory after testing the samples will transmit the report to the respective COVID-19 response team using the prescribed platform.
7. DO NOT walk directly to the medical laboratory facility without the necessary request for COVID-19 test.
8. Health workers who request for the COVID-19 tests must handle the patients' reports.

IT IS FREE TO HAVE A COVID-19 TEST DONE IN A PUBLIC MEDICAL LABORATORY

Laboratory regards,

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**ALL COVID-19 TESTING  
LABORATORIES  
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**ATTN: PUBLIC HEALTH TESTING LABORATORIES**

**FREE COVID -19 TESTING FOR ALL WALK IN REQUESTS SUCH AS ILL HEALTH, CONTACT TRACING AND EXPOSURE.**

The Ministry of Health has decided that Public Covid -19 testing laboratories providing walk-in services can charge **ONLY TRAVELLERS** for testing.

All other walk-in requests such as ill health, contact tracing and exposure must be done **free-of-charge** using public health resources.

All Public health laboratories are to take note and comply.

Thank you.

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