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PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN UGANDA

19th April, 2020- The Ministry of Health confirms one (1) new COVID-19 case out of the **1,114 samples tested among truck drivers at border points of entry**. A total of 350 samples from individuals under institutional quarantine and contacts to the confirmed cases in the country tested were all **NEGATIVE** for COVID-19. The total number of samples tested today at the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI) is 1,464. **The total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Uganda still remains at 55.**

The new case is a **27 year old Kenyan truck driver who arrived at Malaba Point of Entry**. He was tested as part of the routine testing of all truck drivers for COVID-19 at all border points of entry. He did not have any signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19. **Arrangements to repatriate him to Kenya are underway.**

Today, 6 more patients under treatment in Mulago hospital have fully been recovered, tested negative twice for COVID-19 and were discharged today. **The total number of patients who have been discharged is now 28.** The Active COVID-19 cases stands at 27 still in Mulago and Entebbe Hospital.

A cumulative of 1,398 contacts to confirmed cases have been listed to date. Of these, 1,128 have completed the mandatory 14 day follow up period while 270 contacts to confirmed cases are being followed up by the surveillance teams.

The Ministry of Health reminds all travelers that arrived in the country from abroad between 7th-22nd March 2020 to allow our surveillance teams collect samples from them for checkup. In the same vein, practice the preventive measures and stay at home.


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