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## PRESS RELEASE

### NOTICE TO ALL TRAVELLERS ON COVID-19 TESTS

**Kampala – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020** – The Ministry of Health would like to inform all individuals intending to travel out of Uganda that they are required to pay for a COVID-19 test. Henceforth, all COVID-19 certificates for travellers **MUST** indicate **TRAVEL** as the intended purpose of test.

This notice is issued against the background that some travellers have been going to Government testing centres claiming that they are contacts to previously confirmed cases hence tested for free, yet the actual purpose of the test was for “travel.”

All tests for ‘contacts’ and ‘alerts’ will hence forth be labelled accordingly on their certificates. It is further important to note that ‘contacts’ and ‘alerts’ cannot be allowed to fly even if they are negative for COVID-19.

All intending travellers who would like to test at Government facilities are required to pay UGX 180,000 (One hundred and eighty thousand shillings only) at any Stanbic Bank under the following Account Details.

**ACCOUNT NAME:** MOH COVID-19 TESTING FUNDS

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 9030017657983

A copy of a valid payment slip should be taken to the accredited Government sample collection sites for your sample to be removed and will be sent to the accredited laboratories for analysis and testing. Results of the test will be given within 24 - 48 hours.

However, individuals who wish to test at any of the accredited private laboratories can do so.

The Ministry of Health would further like to inform all International travelers that they are required to have a COVID-19 negative certificate taken within **120 hours before departure or arrival in Uganda** and **NOT** within 72 hours as has been the case. Please note that the 120 hours begins on the day the sample is collected for testing.

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