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**COVID-19 TESTS FOR TRAVELLERS AND CONTACT TRACING IN ASHANTI REGION**

The Regional Director of Health Service (RDHS) - Ashanti has received reports of some staff purporting to offer COVID-19 tests for travellers in some Ghana Health Service facilities in greater Kumasi. You are therefore being reminded and informed:

1. That, recognized/designated public laboratories offering COVID-19 tests for **travellers** in the Ashanti Region are:
  - a. **Kumasi Centre for Collaborative Research (KCCR)** located on KNUST campus;
  - b. **Regional Public Health Reference Lab (PHR Lab)** at Kumasi South Hospital, Atonsu Agogo and
  - c. **Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital - Public Health Unit.**
2. That, the Regional Health Directorate has not designated any other Ghana Health Service (GHS) facility to do COVID-19 Tests for travellers or walk-in clients. Members of the general public have been advised via a press statement not to patronize persons who claim to offer COVID-19 tests for travellers or walk-in clients in GHS facilities.
3. That, members of the general public have also been advised to note, that engaging persons/staff in GHS facilities other than the PHR Lab and the two laboratories mentioned above for COVID-19 Tests for travellers/walk-in do so at their own risk.
4. That, samples obtained for COVID-19 contact tracing **do not** attract any fee.

Any staff who conducts him/herself contrary to the above will be severely sanctioned by the RDHS.

Kindly bring the content of this letter to all staff in your various facilities.

Thank you.

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