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Subject: Regarding collection of samples for 2019 novel coronavirus (nCoV) outbreak

The Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDL) Network

Dear All,

In view of the 2019 novel coronavirus (nCoV) outbreak, you are requested to adhere to the following guidelines for collection of samples.

1. For persons with travel history to the Wuhan province in China after 15th January 2020, respiratory samples (nasopharyngeal swab, oropharyngeal swab) and blood samples should be collected from all the persons whether symptomatic or asymptomatic.
2. For travel history to the rest of China, respiratory and blood samples will be collected only from symptomatic cases.

Based on my conversation with the health secretary today, I have requested the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to clarify the above mentioned guidelines for collection of samples from people with travel history to China.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

With best Regards

Yours sincerely

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