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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for supporting our request to contain your referrals for COVID-19 testing to symptomatic patients, high risk and vulnerable patients, healthcare workers, hospitalised and pre-admission patients for the last few weeks. This has afforded us the opportunity to catch up with the backlog whilst still servicing the new requests to within a 48 hour TAT.

We have used this time to further increase our COVID-19 testing capacity by installing additional instrumentation both centrally and at key regional and STAT laboratories. This will not only allow us to perform additional COVID-19 PCR testing, but will also improve our regional areas TATs.

With this extra capacity, we are now able to accept additional referrals for COVID-19 testing who may, at your clinical discretion, fall outside of the above limitations. We will also be able to process limited test requests for Occupational Health purposes.

Yours in Healthcare

The AMPATH COVID-19 Task Team