

Tab service disruption due to APEX industrial action

- **Microbiology/Molecular department: No service 4 to 7 February**
- **Urgent blood testing ONLY on 5 and 7 February**
- **Gladstone Road collection centre closed**

We regret to inform you that due to an impending nationwide industrial action by a section of our laboratory workers, some services at our facilities will be affected on 5 and 7 February.

The strikes will run from 00:01 till 23:59 on both 5 and 7 February. However, the laboratory services will be impacted for a five-day period because these days fall on either side of Waitangi Day with a weekend to follow.

A: This strike will significantly impact operations in the MICROBIOLOGY and MOLECULAR departments. As a result, we kindly ask that all requestors refrain from sending / collecting any samples for these two departments on Tuesday, 4 February to Friday, 7 February (inclusive). If received on the above-mentioned days, the samples may not be processed and may have to be recollected at a later date, if still required.

Therefore, samples NOT to be sent / collected on specified days:

- Urines
- Faeces
- Swabs (with the exception of measles swabs)
- Other body fluids or tissue for microbiology
- Seminal fluids

B: PLEASE LIMIT REQUESTS TO URGENT BLOOD TESTS ONLY, on the strike days (5 & 7 February). Please note the Gladstone Road collection rooms will be closed.

This will allow us to concentrate on hospital testing. We regret that this situation has arisen and appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this industrial action.

For further enquiries or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the laboratory and ask to speak to either Herman Venter, Bruce van den Heever or myself.

Thank you for your help over this time.

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