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## Press Release

**To: News Editors**

**Subject: Position on alleged discrepant COVID-19 results.**

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Our attention has been drawn to a news item circulating on both local and social media about a patient who allegedly received varying COVID-19 result from KEMRI and from a private for-profit lab facility.

We wish to state as follows:

1. KEMRI is yet to receive any formal complaint from any quarters regarding the allegedly discrepant COVID-19 result.
2. As a public Institution, KEMRI does not serve walk-in or drive through clients.
3. KEMRI offers free COVID-19 testing services supported by the Ministry of Health.
4. The samples that KEMRI tests are collected from designated sampling facilities and sample collection points.
5. KEMRI has highly specialized reference laboratories with relevant accreditations including the World Health Organization, the Africa Centers for Disease Control (ACDC) and ISO accreditations. This means that the testing process follows strict guidelines and protocols that employ internal and external quality assurance and control systems.
6. It is imperative for this allegedly discrepant result to establish if the same sample was tested by all the three facilities including KEMRI, and whether the sample was transported and stored following established protocols. These factors can affect the final outcome.

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