



**INDEPENDANT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**  
**NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020**

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**OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER**  
**NO.5 COVID-19 TESTING MEASURES**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:

1. No COVID-19 testing equipment shall be used to test for COVID-19, except:
  - a. as listed in Schedule 1; and
  - b. as authorised by the Controller.
  
2. No person or organization may conduct COVID-19 testing, except:
  - a. as listed in Schedule 2; and
  - b. as authorised in writing by the Controller.
  
3. No COVID-19 test results shall be released by any person or organization without the express written authorisation of the Controller.
  
4. All persons or organisations that conduct any form of Covid-19 test must provide all tests results to the Controller within 24 hours of the result being known.
  
5. Non-compliance with these Measures shall be punishable in accordance with the Act.
  
6. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.
  
7. This Measures comes into effect on 16 June 2020 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act.



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Signed:

Date:



17/6/20

DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, QPM  
CONTROLLER



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**Schedule 1 – COVID-19 Authorised Testing Equipment**

- Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction
- Gene Xpert
- Rapid Diagnostic Test

**Schedule 2 – Approved Persons and Organisations to Conduct COVID-19 Testing**

- National Department of Health
- Institute of Medical Research Papua New Guinea
- Provincial Health Authorities
- Port Moresby General Hospital
- St John Ambulance