



MEDIA BRIEF 01st APRIL 2020

Good Afternoon Media,

Firstly - my sincere apologies for not being able to front the media today due to our scheduled National Executive Council meeting.

From the office of the Minister for Health & HIV AIDS, I thank you for your commitment to linking the community with our important messages from the National Operations Centre.

Today's summary represents the latest figures at 4pm on the 1st April 2020, with updates on:

- 1) Points of Entry Figures
- 2) Laboratory Figures and Updates
- 3) PPE Updates
- 4) Hotline Statistics
- 5) Universal Transport Mediums
- 6) Rita Flynn Facility and

1. *Points of Entry Figures*

Classification	Figures
Passengers Screened	29,249
Cumulative No of POI's	6,448
Total POI's Screened and Discharged	5,165
Cumulative POI's Under Surveillance	1,283



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2. Laboratory Figures

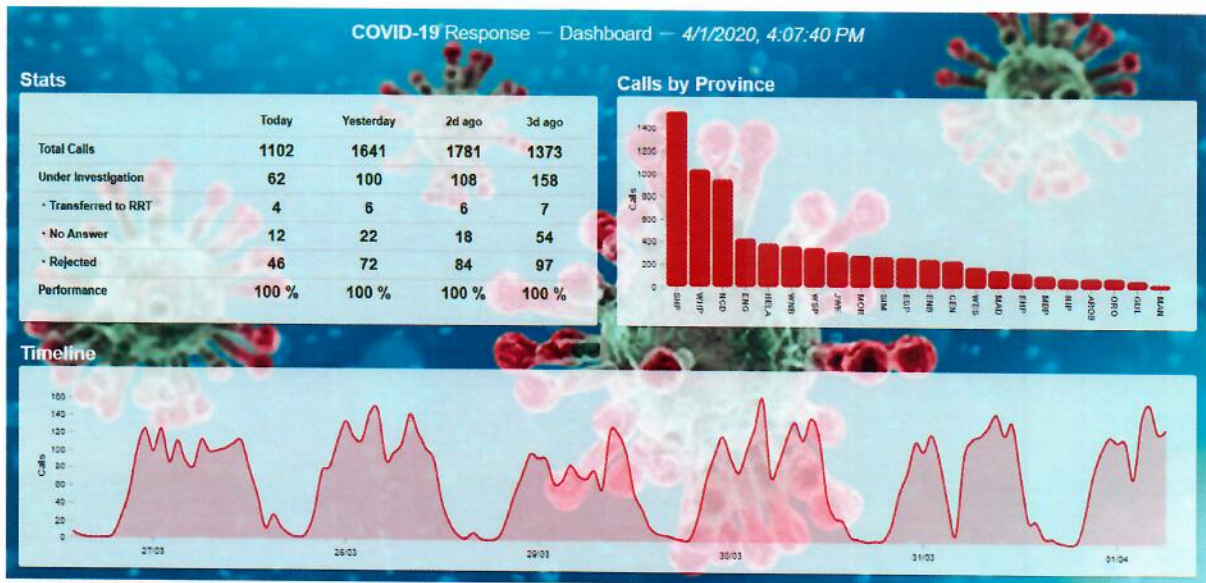
Total Tests	Positive	Negative	Pending
94	1	88	5

Testing Capacity IMR Goroka 300 Per Day
 CPHL Port Moresby 200 Per Day

3. PPE Updates

All Provinces have received the first batch of PPE.

4. Call Centre Update



5. Universal Transport Mediums (UTMS)

- 160 UTMS distributed to 16 Provinces
- 580 UTMS currently in Port Moresby
- 4200 UTMS arrived 31/03/20



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6. Rita Flynn

Rita Flynn Complex is an Isolation Centre and will be the referral ward for COVID-19 cases throughout Port Moresby. All clinics and hospitals throughout the city are equipped with pre-triage areas that will provide front line assessment of all who present.

If a Person of Interest is in need of further COVID-19 investigation in any of the Port Moresby clinics – the clinic will then call our hotline and pending further screening will initiate the rapid response protocols which include, COVID-19 ambulance transfer, swab testing, isolation, result analysis and quarantining if necessary. Our goal is to partner with the PNG Sports Foundation and use this as the blueprint to set up similar turn key solutions in Lae and Goroka utilizing their facilities.



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I leave you today like I do everyday with our key 5 messages.

1. Wash your hands often
2. Cough into your elbow
3. Don't touch your face
4. Keep a safe distance from others
5. Simply stay at home.

Remember the virus doesn't move, unless people move it. When we stop moving, the virus stops moving.

Hon. Jelta Wong, MP
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