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The Ministry of Health is increasingly getting reports of vital information regarding the tracing and testing of primary and secondary contacts at the various COVID-19 testing centers and health facilities in the country. In view of this, the Ministry of Health would like to remind our health workers that we live in a very small community where everyone is known to the other and revealing identities and personal details of the confirmed COVID-19 cases would lead to unnecessary discrimination, stigmatization and emotional harassment.

Furthermore, the pandemic is of unprecedented nature with every new development requiring careful technical vetting by our experts and epidemiologists before they are ready to be released as information and updates to the general public.

Hence, as it was practiced since the initial days of our response to the pandemic, kindly note that all updates and information in regard to the pandemic should come out from the Ministry of Health or the Prime Minister's Office, after following due diligence regarding the flow of information, in order to maintain consistency, clarity and credibility of the highest level.

Lastly, information that is not vetted by experts could cause unnecessary panic and unrest amongst people which is not at all desirable in these difficult times.

We would like to solicit your kind cooperation in this regard,


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