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**SARS-CoV serum RNA test  
Reduced frequency of testing  
and  
Special arrangements for the Ching Ming Festival and Easter Holiday period**

**1. Reduced frequency of testing:**

In view of the marked decline in the number of requests for the SARS serum RNA test in the last two weeks, test analysis will be reduced to 3 days per week.

Specimen reception times will remain the same as before:

| <b>Chemical Pathology Laboratory</b> | <b>Monday to Friday</b> | <b>Saturday</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| PWH                                  | 9am to 4pm              | 9am to 12 noon  |
| AHNS                                 | 9am to 3pm              | 9am to 11am     |
| NDH                                  | 9am to 3pm              | 9am to 11am     |

Specimens received each day will be processed but analysed only on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

This new arrangement will be effective from 29 March 2004 (Monday).

**2. Special arrangements for the Ching Ming Festival and Easter Holiday period**

Between 5 – 12 April 2004, test analysis will be scheduled as follows:

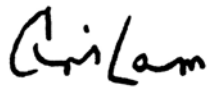
| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Specimen reception</b> | <b>Test analysis</b>    | <b>Date</b>     | <b>Specimen reception</b> | <b>Test analysis</b>    |
|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>5 April</b> |                           | <sup>1</sup> No service | <b>9 April</b>  |                           | <sup>1</sup> No service |
| <b>6 April</b> | Yes                       | Yes                     | <b>10 April</b> |                           | <sup>1</sup> No service |
| <b>7 April</b> | Yes                       | No                      | <b>11 April</b> | *Special                  | Yes                     |
| <b>8 April</b> | Yes                       | Yes                     | <b>12 April</b> |                           | <sup>1</sup> No service |

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\*Specimen reception times for **11 April 2004** will be: 9am to 2:30pm for PWH and 9am to 12 noon for AHNH and NDH.

<sup>1</sup>Specimens sent on the days marked as “no service” will be rejected.

Thank you for your kind attention.



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