Notification note on additional COVID-19 Confirmed Cases

After the first case was confirmed on March 12, 2020, four additional COVID-19 cases have been confirmed, making the total cases sixteen (16). Detail information of the confirmed cases are:

Patient 1: A 72 years old Male Mauritian who resides in Addis Ababa and a travel history from Brazzaville, Congo on March 14, 2020. The patient went to the health facility on March 22, 2020, when he felt the symptoms of COVID-19 and the health facility reported to the Ethiopian Public Health Institute and the laboratory result confirmed positive for COVID-19. The patient is under medical treatment in the designated treatment center. Six people who had contact with the patient are under follow up and further contact tracing is ongoing.

Patient 2: A 61 years old male Ethiopian who resides in Adama Town with no travel history abroad. However, as reported by the patient, he had a contact with a foreigner due to his job nature. The onset of symptoms started on March 18. After the patient was admitted to at a Health Facility isolation center on March 26, the sample collected tested positive for COVID-19. The patient is under medical treatment in the designated treatment center. Twenty-four people who had contact with the patient are under follow up and further contact tracing is ongoing.
Patient 3: A 28 years old female Ethiopian. Travel history to Israel on March 21\textsuperscript{th} and tested positive for COVID-19. The patient is under medical treatment in the designated treatment center. Seven people who had contact with the patient are under follow up and further contact tracing is ongoing.

Patient 4: A 24 years old Female Ethiopian with no travel history from Abroad. Admitted in the health facility on March 26\textsuperscript{th} and tested positive for COVID-19. The patient is under medical treatment in the designated treatment center and her pervious contact history is under investigation. So far the Ethiopian Public Health Institute conducted 718 laboratory tests, 33 samples are done in the last 24 hours (March 26 2020, 7:00 am till March 27 2020, 7:00 am).

For more information please call to the free toll line 8335 and 952 or to regular phone 0118276796, or use our email:-ephieoc@gmail.com.

Dr. Lia Tadesse
Minister of Health
March 27, 2020