

Groups of patients/citizens redirected to Public Health Medical Centres to take the laboratory test for the new coronavirus

The Ministry of Health, in order to promote public health and prevent the spread of the new coronavirus COVID-19, especially amongst vulnerable groups of the population, has arranged for the possibility of carrying out the new coronavirus laboratory test in groups of patients and citizens as indicated in the table below:

	Specific groups of citizens that are redirected to a laboratory test	Procedure
1	Cancer patients who will follow a particular therapy/treatment	The attending doctor, who should be a specialist in oncology , shall send a particular certificate to the Public Health Centres Coordination Service (fax: 22398842)
2	People who will undergo surgery	The attending doctor, who should be a specialist in surgery , shall send a particular certificate to the Public Health Centres Coordination Service (fax: 22398842)
3	Pregnant women with an impending due date (it is recommended that the test should be taken as close as possible to the due date)	The attending obstetrician-gynecologist , shall send a particular certificate to the Public Health Centres Coordination Service (fax: 22398842)
4	Elderly people who will be admitted to nursing homes	The personal doctor shall send a particular certificate to the Public Health Centres Coordination Service (fax: 22398842).
5	People suffering from mental diseases who will be admitted to mental health centres.	The attending psychiatrist shall send a particular certificate to the Public Health Centres Coordination Service (fax: 22398842).
6	People that have been victims of violence (adults and children) who will be admitted to care centres.	The attending doctor or medical partner , shall send a particular certificate to the Public Health Centres Coordination Service (fax: 22398842)

7	Drug-dependent people who will be admitted to Drug Rehabilitation Clinics	The attending psychiatrist shall send a particular certificate to the Public Health Centres Coordination Service (fax: 22398842).
8	People who wish to visit their 1 st degree relatives who are hospitalized in intensive care, provided that the attending doctors give their consent.	The attending doctor of the patient shall send a particular certificate to the Public Health Centres Coordination Service (fax: 22398842)
9	Women who are victims of trafficking	The attending doctor or medical partner , shall send a particular certificate to the Public Health Centres Coordination Service (fax: 22398842)

Accessibility to the test can also be arranged in various other case as well, even in a unique case, if deemed necessary by the Epidemiology Monitoring Unit and Infectious Diseases, by the 1420 service or by the Public Health Centres Coordination Service for public health reasons.

After receiving the relevant certificate, the Public Health Centres Coordination Service shall proceed with the planning and briefing of the people interested for the immediate realization of the test at the various Public Health District Medical Centres. The results of the laboratory test shall be communicated to the attending doctor.

The realization of the programme described above will be regularly monitored by a central authority, so that the implementation of the defined procedures remains secured.

It should be taken into consideration that the procedure for the realization of the test and the announcement of the results after the sample has been taken needs about 1-2 days to be completed. Consequently, the attending doctors have to ensure that the people who will take the test will be redirected within the appropriate time frame.