



Update for EQAS Participants

April 3, 2020

We understand that while a number of you are currently faced with staffing shortages and the need to prioritize your workforce, others are faced with lab closures or no sample availability due to restrictions on international shipments.

To alleviate the testing burden, while assuring quality of testing during this unprecedented time, we are implementing the following changes:

❖ EQAS Programs mid-cycle or currently underway -

- 1- Labs that are able to report their sample results on time should continue to do so. Sample Reports will be generated as usual.
- 2- Labs where testing is temporarily suspended due to closure, staffing shortage, reagent or supply shortage, please do the following:
 - Access EQAS Online through [QCNet](#) or directly through <https://eqasonline.qcnet.com> from your desktop, laptop or smartphone device.
 - Select UR (Unreportable) code 'Other' in the Data Entry page.
 - Once your report becomes available, document the reason for not reporting in the comments section as proof during time of audit.
 - Do NOT report on past samples once normal lab operations resume. Submitting UR codes on time will not result in Late and Amended flags.

❖ EQAS Programs with new cycles beginning in April and early-May -

Sample 1 and 2 due dates are being extended for the following programs:

EQAS Program	Cat #	Lot #	Cycle #	Sample #1		Sample #2	
				Original Date	Amended Date	Original Date	Amended Date
Hematology	BC90A	26140A	15	13-Apr-2020	11-May-2020	11-May-2020	18-May-2020
Coagulation	BC34	280700	8	20-Apr-2020	18-May-2020	18-May-2020	25-May-2020
Cardiac Mar.	BC39	290700	8	21-Apr-2020	19-May-2020	19-May-2020	26-May-2020
Eth/Amm	BC35	300700	8	27-Apr-2020	25-May-2020	25-May-2020	01-Jun-2020
Lipids	BC47	310700	8	04-May-2020	01-Jun-2020	01-Jun-2020	08-Jun-2020

Updates will be provided should further delays become necessary.

We THANK YOU for your invaluable contributions to the safety of your communities and public at large!

EQAS Support Team