



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
NATIONAL REFERENCE LABORATORY
East Avenue Medical Center



**ANNOUNCEMENT RE: 2020 PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM
FOR WATER MICROBIOLOGY TESTING LABORATORIES**

Pursuant to Administrative Order 2006-0024 otherwise known as the "Implementing Rules and Regulations Governing the Accreditation for Drinking Water Laboratories" in the Philippines, the National Reference Laboratory for Environmental and Occupational Health, Toxicology and Micronutrient Assay located at East Avenue Medical Center (NRL-EAMC) is mandated by the Department of Health, in coordination with the Bureau of Health Facilities and Services (BHFS), to implement the Proficiency Testing (PT) Program for all accredited water testing laboratories nationwide. The conduct of this annual PT program is required by BHFS for purposes of renewal of accreditation for the following year. All accredited water testing laboratories applying for renewal of accreditation must participate and pass satisfactorily. The major goal of the PT Program to ensure the accuracy and quality of the laboratory test results issued by the DOH accredited water testing laboratories.

NRL-EAMC is pleased to announce the schedule of the 2020 PT Program for Water Microbiological Testing Laboratory (2020 WMTL PT) to be conducted on July 2020. Since this is a nationwide activity with approximately 200 accredited water testing laboratories, there is a need to determine the actual number of participants. Should you pass the 2019 WPT Cycle, you are required to register and completely fill out the attached registration form and submit it by mail to NRL-EAMC on or before May 29, 2020. PT samples shall only be provided to laboratory after NRL-EAMC received registration and payment.

A participation fee of Php3,000.00 will be charged to the participating laboratory to defray the cost of reagents, supplies, and other operating expenses. Laboratory may pay directly to EAMC Cashier in cash, Postal Money Order, Government check or Manager's Check using the following details:

For Postal Money Order/ For Manager's Check

Pay to: East Avenue Medical Center

Payee: East Avenue Medical Center

Address: East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Sum of: Three thousand pesos

Participants are required to register and completely fill out the attached registration form and submit it by mail or courier to NRL-EAMC on or before May 29, 2020. PT samples shall only be provided to laboratory after NRL-EAMC has received registration and payment. Participating laboratories will be given three (3) unknown samples of Total Coliform and Thermotolerant Coliform. These samples shall be treated as regular samples and analyzed using normal laboratory conditions.

For more inquiries contact Ms Shiela Flor Salo-Avila and Ms Maricar B. Aggarao at phone numbers (+632)9307875, (+632)9307879 or 09335629580 or through email address contact@nrleamcdoh.org.

For information and guidance.

Yours truly,

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