

Coronavirus (COVID-19) statement: 17th March 2020

GenQA are aware that the recent coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak is putting increased pressure on genomics laboratories worldwide. As such, GenQA are:

- **reviewing distribution dates/EQA formats to reduce the EQA workload.**
- **emailing participants with notification of delays/changes to the EQA schedule.**

Registration for 2020 EQAs

Registration is extended to 27th March 2020. Please log into your account to enrol.

Participant Meetings

The PGT meeting is postponed as the PGDIS conference in Berlin is cancelled.

Update to April EQAs

In recognition of the current constraints on laboratories, GenQA has taken the following decisions:

- 1) **CF and MCADD Blood spots Round 1** are cancelled.
 - Samples will be integrated into future rounds later in the year.
- 2) **Amniotic Fluid, Blood - postnatal, Myeloid, Mat B&T G-banding and PGT FISH**
 - Open as planned on 1st April 2020.
 - Reporting submission will be extended from 4 weeks to 6 weeks.
- 3) **B&T FISH, Lymphoma and Acquired arrays (CLL and MDS)**
 - Samples distributed as planned on 6th April 2020.
 - Reporting submission will be extended from 4 weeks to 6 weeks.
- 4) **Lung cancer, Colorectal cancer and Melanoma**
 - Open as planned on 27th April 2020.
 - Three samples instead of five will be supplied for testing.
 - Submission of genotyping results only is required.
 - Reporting submission will be extended from 6 weeks to 8 weeks.

EQA Withdrawal

If you are unable to provide results within the submission period or wish to withdraw, please contact GenQA on info@genqa.org. Failure to inform GenQA could lead to Poor Performance (due to non-participation).

The EQAs for May 2020 are currently under review. We will publish regular updates to inform our participants as the situation evolves.

If you have any questions please contact us at info@genqa.org. Thank you for your continued support.

GenQA team