



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

Division of the National Health Laboratory Service

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Expression of Interest to process samples from wastewater treatment plants in urban metros

The NICD, in partnership with the Water Research Commission, wishes to enlist the services of partner laboratories to process wastewater for SARS-CoV-2 from wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) towards a National COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Pilot.

If interested, please fill the following details:

Name of lab:

Contact person in lab:

Email address:

Telephone:

Address of lab:

Name of Head of lab:

Email address of head of lab:

Proposed concentration method to be used:

Proposed molecular amplification method to be used:

Preferred wastewater treatment plants, if any:

Please describe your prior involvement in testing wastewater for SARS-CoV-2 as an attachment – (approximately 1 page). Prior publications may also be attached.

This document is not a financial contract or commitment of funding

A financial contract will be issued from the NICD to selected laboratories according to geographic and strategic planning. Preference will be given to laboratories already participating in the South African Collaborative COVID-19 Environmental Surveillance System (SACCESS)

Please return this completed expression of interest to:

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by the **27th of November 2020**