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Results of precautionary tests for suspected COVID-19 delayed

The results of precautionary tests carried out locally for suspected COVID-19 caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus have been delayed due to poor weather and increased demand on UK laboratories.

In the three tests cases that were announced last week which were awaiting results, the increase in demand on the UK laboratories has increased the time it takes to receive confirmed results from the standard 48 hours.

In addition, severe weather delayed some samples getting off Island on Monday of this week.

For those individuals for whom we are awaiting the results, it is important to emphasize that they could be suffering from flu or another ailment.

www.gov.gg/coronavirus provides information on the number of samples that have been taken, the results and the number of samples that are awaiting results. This site is updated on a daily basis. It is important to note that there are currently NO confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Bailiwick. The delay in results is not an indication of a potential positive result.

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