MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON SUSPECTED 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS CASE ADMITTED AT THE KENYATTA NATIONAL HOSPITAL AS AT 29TH JANUARY 2020

Following our press conference yesterday on the suspected novel Corona virus case at the Kenyatta National Hospital. We wish to update the public as follows:

i. Assure the public that the suspected case is in good general medical condition.
ii. Samples are undergoing tests and the results are awaited later this evening.
iii. The suspected case will remain in isolation until the final results are out.

The Ministry wishes to advise members of the public to remain vigilant:

i. Maintain basic hand and respiratory hygiene, and safe food practices.
ii. Avoid close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections.
iii. In addition, anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as fever, coughing, difficulty in breathing and sneezing with a history of recent travel to China is advised to go to the nearest health facility for assessment and prompt management.

As a Government, we want to assure the public that necessary surveillance and monitoring systems have been deployed across the country and we shall continue to provide updates.

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