



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH

UPDATE ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AS AT 5th FEBRUARY 2020

We wish to update members of the public of the ongoing mitigation measures for novel Coronavirus 2019.

Kenya, has not had any confirmed case of novel Coronavirus 2019. Our surveillance system is on high alert, and to date has picked seven suspected cases (2 in Mombasa and 5 in Nairobi) all of whom have turned negative on laboratory testing. Similarly, follow-ups have been made in Mombasa, Kiambu and Kitui counties where suspected cases have been reported.

This morning the Ministry followed lead information on two suspected cases of novel Coronavirus 2019 aboard a flight from China to Nairobi.

Upon thorough screening of all the passengers and crew on board, none met the case definition criteria as stipulated by the World Health Organization, hence they were all released. All the passengers were sensitized on signs and symptoms of the disease, prevention measures and the need to promptly seek medical attention. Active contact tracing of all these passengers will continue for the next 14 days.

We want to assure members of the public that the Ministry of Health together with the multi-agency team will continue to prioritize efforts towards mitigating the evolving situation.

Finally, we appeal to the members of the public to remain vigilant and avoid speculation as the Government commits to manage the situation

- 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.**
- iv.**

Stay safe and report any suspected cases to the Ministry through hotlines numbers: **0800721316, 0732353535, 0729471414**. We shall continue to provide updates and urge members of the public to desist from sharing information from unverified sources.

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