



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

## PRESS RELEASE

### UPDATE ON SUSPECTED 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS CASE ADMITTED AT THE KENYATTA NATIONAL HOSPITAL AS AT 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

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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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