



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

UPDATE ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

The Ministry of Health would like to bring to the attention of the general public about reports of three persons under investigation for novel Corona Virus 2019 as at 2nd February 2020. Two of them are in Nairobi while one is in Mombasa.

Following their identification, the three were isolated and appropriate samples collected for tests. The primary results are **NEGATIVE**. Additional tests are going to be conducted on the samples in South Africa as was with the past case. They are all in good general medical condition.

We would like to call for calm and reassure citizens and everyone residing in Kenya that the country is free from novel Corona Virus 2019 and stringent measures have been put in place to prevent its importation into the country. We would urge anyone who is traveling from the affected countries, especially China, to cooperate with health officials.

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

- 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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