



NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON
CORONAVIRUS
UPDATE OF CORONAVIRUS IN THE COUNTRY AND
RESPONSE MEASURES AS AT 5th April, 2020

Fellow Kenyans,

We apologize for this late briefing on the current status of Corona Virus in the Country. Please bear with us.

Fellow Kenyans in the last 24 hours, we have tested a total of **530** samples out of which sixteen (**16**) people have tested positive for the Coronavirus disease. Out of this number fifteen (**15**) are Kenyans and one (**1**) Nigerian National. Out of this number eleven, (**11**) have got a history of travel, while five (**5**) are locally transmitted. This

now brings the total number of those who have tested positive for the disease in the country to **142**. Out of this number, nine (**9**) are from the quarantine facilities while seven (**7**) are from contact tracing.

The sixteen (**16**) people have already been moved into isolation in various health facilities and contact tracing is ongoing. To date, we have managed to test **3,836** samples from individuals.

The distribution of these new cases according to their Counties is as follows;

1. Nairobi 12
2. Mombasa 3
3. Kilifi 1

In terms of gender, nine (**9**) are males and seven (**7**) are females. The ages of the confirmed cases range between **22** to **66** years.

We have so far monitored **1,833** contacts and out of this number **1,384** have been discharged. Currently, there are **449** contacts that we are actively tracing.

We want to reiterate that persons who pass away due to Coronavirus will have to be buried within 24 hours from the time of death. And the burials are restricted to less than 15 close family members.

I want to take this opportunity, once again, to acknowledge and appreciate the cooperation and collaboration we have with the County Governments, especially those with confirmed Covid-19 cases, and urge the rest of the counties to continue upscaling their level of preparedness and vigilance.

As I mentioned yesterday, I would like to reiterate that all persons visiting public places such as supermarkets, open air markets, public transport should at all times wear a face mask to reduce the chances of transmission of the virus.

The production of face masks and other health care related equipment is ongoing locally. The distribution of the masks will be done at the county level through various organized groups, such as matatu saccos. Meanwhile, I urge you to acquire masks as we await for the Government distribution.

It has come to our attention that there are private hospitals who are overcharging Kenyans. We have reports of gloves that cost up to Kshs.8,000, it is unacceptable and immoral, and the medical council has been directed to take up this matter.

(CS Transport)

As you may recall, the Government suspended international flights for a period of 2 weeks from Wednesday 25th March, 2020, which expires today midnight. After serious consideration of the situation, the Government has extended the ban for another 30 days with effect from tomorrow 6th April, 2020. This suspension will however not

apply to those flights that are coming in to evacuate foreign nationals from the country. It also exempts the cargo flights that are coming into the country to deliver goods. They must not have passengers on board.

We are appealing to those in the transport industry to adhere to the directives issued by the Ministry of Health, with regard to maintaining of hygiene standards in the transport sector.

To this end, we have observed that the set directives are not being strictly followed, for example, most matatus are still overloading, hence not observing social distancing. They are also not observing standards of hygiene as per the set guidelines.

Therefore, from tomorrow Monday 6th April, 2020, any matatu operator found not observing the set directives, will have their Sacco licenses suspended and the vehicle bonded. This directive applies to all public transport

vehicles. The offenders will also be charged in a court of law, in line with the Public Health Act, for deliberately spreading the virus. The Boda boda riders, who continue to flout the directives already issued, will have their motorcycles impounded and will face the law.

The Government has also directed that visits to our prisons shall remain suspended for another 30 days.

I thank you.

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