



**NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON  
CORONAVIRUS**

**UPDATE OF CORONAVIRUS IN THE COUNTRY AND  
RESPONSE MEASURES, AS AT 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2020**

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Fellow Kenyans,

The coronavirus pandemic continues to wreak havoc globally. The current global Covid-19 disease situation is as follows; 3,018, 952 have tested positive for the virus. Out of this 207,973 have died. In Africa, the confirmed cases stand 23,254, and fatalities are 903. These numbers continue to rise, and there is no indication when this will stop. It is therefore of utmost importance, that we strictly observe the measures the Ministry of Health has been advocating. Simple as they may sound, experience has

shown that they are the most effective. These measures include hand washing, maintaining social distancing, wearing of face masks, quarantine and basic hygiene.

I want to thank some of our people who have observed these measures. The gains so far achieved that have made it possible for the gradual opening of the economy is owed to their support. I want to urge them to continue with the practice.

In the same token, I must say that we have noted with dismay the casual attitude with which some of our people are not observing these measures. We have observed that some eateries are not only operating without any regard to social distancing requirement, but also deep into curfew hours. The transport sector, particularly matatu and boda boda operators have also gone back to the old normal ways.

There is a public outcry that some hoteliers are unfortunately not observing the protocols we have established. The Government will assess and determine whether these measures can continue or be escalated if

need be. My appeal therefore to hoteliers, transport industry and everyone else to abide by the containment measures already highlighted. If we do not, the spread of this diseases will be extensive, and will be very difficult to contain.

We have also observed that some mosques have revised prayer time and are now opening for prayers at night. I must warn such religious leaders that this contravenes the directive that suspended all religious gatherings. They must stop this practice forthwith, failure of which legal action in accordance with Public Health Act shall be taken against them.

Fellow Kenyans,

I informed you about the targeted testing as a measure to control the spread of the disease. The exercise has already kicked off in the identified high risk areas. This has to continue for purposes of containment of infection.

The outcome of the testing exercise so far has shown a very low turnout in some of these areas. In the last two days,

the testing teams have tested 803 against a target of 2000 in Kawangware, 494 in Eastleigh against a target of 3000. I want to remind Kenyans that there are countries where people beg to be tested, yet their governments are unable to do so. As of now, the Ministry of Health has acquired the testing capacity to undertake targeted testing, but the willingness to be tested is low.

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I want to appeal to Kenyans to willingly come forward to be tested. If we have to flatten our infections and minimize the risk of transmission, the Ministry of Health encourages Kenyans in the target areas to present themselves to the testing teams. Experience has shown that countries that have managed to flatten their infection curve quickly, have heavily relied on targeted testing. The tests will be conducted free of charge.

I want to remind Kenyans that as we continue to address covid-19 pandemic, the other health services must continue to be provided to Kenyans. In this regard, I call upon all Kenyans to continue accessing health services in their

preferred facilities. Our records are indicating low hospital visitation for health services. Let us all be reminded that this kind of health seeking behavior can lead to other more serious consequences.

In the same vein, Counties and any other health providers are requested to continue providing health services to Kenyans.

Regarding quarantine, there has been extensive debate on the status of those arrested for breaking curfew rules. I wish to state that such individuals will not be accommodated at the usual Government Quarantine facilities. Instead, the Inspector General of Police has been directed by NERC to designate a curfew breakers holding place. The place must be able to meet the social distancing requirement.

Director

Yesterday, our testing team was in Kawangware for the exercise. From that activity, we confirmed seven (7) new cases. This is indeed an indication that this disease is now firmly within our communities.

Fellow Kenyans,

Our Coronavirus situation is as follows. In the last 24 hours, we have tested **883**. Out of these, thirty (**30**) people tested positive for coronavirus. Out of these cases, nineteen (**19**) from Mombasa, eight cases (**8**) from Nairobi, two (**2**) from Bungoma and one (**1**) from Kitui. Bungoma is the latest County to be affected by the virus bringing to 16 the total number of Counties that have recorded Covid-19 cases.

The cases are distributed in the estates as follows; In Nairobi they are from; Kawangware (2), Eastleigh (5) and Kibera (1). In Mombasa, the cases are from Mvita (15) Kisauni (3) and Likoni (1). In Kitui, the one (1) case is from Mwingi town. The two cases from Bungoma County are truck drivers.

This bring the total case load in the country to 465.

In terms of gender, twenty-three (**23**) are males and seven (**7**) females. The age of the new cases ranges from 4 years for the youngest and 64 years of age for the oldest.

We are delighted to inform you that within the same period, we registered fifteen (15) more recoveries that have been discharged from our hospitals.

I am saddened to inform you that we have also lost two (**2**) more patients from Mombasa. Let me take this opportunity to convey our heartfelt condolences to the affected families.

Finally, I want to thank Kenyans for their cooperation in this fight against the virus.

I thank you.



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