



**NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON  
CORONAVIRUS**

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RESPONSE MEASURES, AS AT 8<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2020**

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Fellow Kenyans,

Once again welcome to our daily briefing on the status of Coronavirus in the country.

Yesterday, we updated you on what is happening in areas where movement has been restricted to contain the spread of COVID-19. We outlined measures that if followed strictly, would help in restoring normalcy in the affected areas.

Today, we are still appealing to you to continue observing the restrictions imposed and guidelines issued to restrict movement in and out of the designated counties and estates. As I mentioned, these measures are not aimed at punishing the people. Indeed, we appreciate that there will be inconveniences. Your day-to-day activities have been disrupted. However, a time comes when every person is called upon to make sacrifices for the overall good of the country. These are such times. I must say that many Kenyans have risen to this challenge and are strictly abiding by the directives issued.

Let me also state, we have observed that there are a few individuals who still want to play hide and seek by using unofficial routes to move in and out of these restricted areas. Few as they are, their actions can potentially be dangerous.

I want to remind such individuals that such behavior is not heroic, and can very quickly erode all the gains so far

made, and cause more problems for the country. This is because those doing so, God forbid, if they are infected, are spreading the disease to other areas. I am therefore appealing to such individuals to stop this behavior if we are to flatten our curve.

Fellow Kenyans,

I know we might be sounding repetitive as we appeal to you every day on the need to change our attitudes and behavior. This is because these are not normal times. Experiences of other countries and by now, our own experience, suggest that the basic measures of personal hygiene and the requirement of social distancing are the most effective ways to limit the spread of the virus.

Fellow Kenyans,

The Ministry will continue to conduct targeted testing in high risk areas. In the last 24 hours, we tested **922** samples, out of which, **14** people have tested positive for

Covid-19 disease. All the **14** cases are Kenyans. This now raises the number of those who have tested positive in the country to **621**.

The overall number of samples that have been tested in the country so far is **29,430**.

Disaggregation of the positive cases by counties is as follows; ten (**10**) are from Nairobi, three (**3**) from Mombasa and one (**1**) from Machakos. Machakos becomes the latest county to record a positive case. This brings to nineteen (**19**) the number of counties that have registered cases of the disease.

Thirteen (**13**) cases were picked by our surveillance teams while one (**1**) case is from our quarantine facility.

The spread of the cases by estates is; four (**4**) are from Kasarani, two (**2**) from Makadara, and one each from

Umoja 1, South C, Irigu in Dagoretti South, Machakos and mandatory quarantine. The three in Mombasa are from Likoni while the one case in Machakos is from Athi River.

Age distribution of the cases ranges from eleven **(11)** months old for the youngest and forty nine **(49)** years of age for the oldest. In terms of gender, nine **(9)** are males and five **(5)** are females.

I am happy to note that, today, we have 5 new discharges. This brings the total number of those who have recovered from the disease to 202. These are achievements that we must celebrate. This would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our healthcare workers. I want to thank them for their courage and spirit of patriotism.

To our fellow Kenyans, I want to appeal to you to be understanding and warmly receive our brothers and sisters who have recovered from this disease.

Yesterday, I informed you about a flight that was coming into the country to bring back Kenyans who had gone to India for treatment. I am glad to inform you that 237 Kenyans together with their care givers arrived last evening, and were received by the staff from the Ministry of Health, who facilitated their arrival. Many of the returnees were accommodated in hotels last evening at Government expense, while being processed to proceed home for self-quarantine. Similar flights are expected into the country in the coming days.

Fellow Kenyans,

You are all aware that our country is currently experiencing heavy rains that have caused destruction of properties and displacement of Kenyans. This is compounding the problem in the fight against Covid-19. The displaced people have been forced to congregate in makeshift camps, with the risk of banding together which exposes them to the possibility of contracting the virus. We are however

working with County Governments and other agencies to educate them on containment measures against Covid-19.

On the issue of cross border truck drivers, the Ministry of Health is expanding testing capacity all the Counties. This will enable the truck drivers to be tested from the point of origin of their journey.

I want to reiterate about the importance of cooperation in this fight. It is one in which quick victory can only be possible when all of us fight together. I therefore urge each and every one of us to continue observing the guidelines outlined, and to practice the containment measures advocated for by the Ministry of Health.

I thank you.

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