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Good afternoon, and thank you for joining us for this briefing today.

Fellow Kenyans,

We are today opening another phase in this fight against this deadly virus, that has engulfed our country for the last three months. As you are all aware, His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, yesterday made very critical pronouncements on the way forward.

First, restrictions of movement in and out of Eastleigh in Nairobi and Old town in Mombasa were lifted. This also apply to restrictions in and out of Kwale and Kilifi

Counties. This action was necessitated following advice from experts that the rate of infection transmission had gone down in these areas. The residents of the two Counties, as well as the two estates are now free to move in and out of their areas.

However, let me caution, that this does not mean that there are no infections in those areas. I **repeat**, it is just that the transmission of the virus has slowed down! I want to appeal to residents of the four areas not to become complacent, and abandon all containment measures. Any behavior to the contrary, is likely to roll back all the gains so far made.

Let me reiterate, that the directive that closed down bars that sell alcohol has not been lifted. We have noted various facilities opening for business and selling alcohol to clients. I want to caution bar owners that anyone who defies the directive, will have their license permanently withdrawn.

Fellow Kenyans,

You will recall, that the President reviewed the dusk to dawn curfew timings, that have been in place for the last several weeks. This again is to allow for both employers and employees to have a full day work shift. The move will also allow our *mama mbogas*, and small scale traders to engage in business as they take care of their families. However, this adjustment was made with the understanding that most Kenyans are now aware of the containment measures such as hand washing, maintenance of social and physical distancing, proper wearing of face masks, among other measures.

I want to reemphasize on the importance of individual responsibility in this fight. As we consider opening up the economy, it will be vitally important, that every person plays his or her role in the quest to limit the spread of infections. It is now close to 90 days, since our first case, and in that period of time, we are now better informed about our individual responsibility in this campaign. Each and every one of us must play their

role as expected, if we are to flatten our curve and allow the return to normalcy in our country.

Fellow Kenyans,

Further, His Excellency the President directed, that all Counties must have at least a 300 bed facility for COVID-19 cases within the next two weeks. This is to prepare for any possible upsurge of infections, when the various restrictions are lifted and the country eventually opens up.

At the same time, all the 47 County Emergency Response Committees, are urged to take advantage of the two-week period and accelerate the achievement of their planned activities. In particular, they should prioritize the attainment of the 300 bed capacity for COVID-19 cases as directed by the Head of State.

Let me now share with you our COVID-19 statistics. Today, we have another high of **167** positive cases out of the **2,833** samples tested. This clearly demonstrates that there is a lot of work that still needs to be done by

each and every one of us, if we are to stop the rising cases.

The total number of positive cases now stands at **2,767**, while the samples so far tested is **97, 340**. The positive cases include, **162** Kenyans, and five **(5)** foreigners.

Out of the **167** cases, Nairobi, has fifty-four **(54)**, Mombasa, forty-seven **(47)**, Busia, twenty-eight **(28)**, Kiambu, fourteen **(14)**, Uasin Gishu, eleven **(11)**, Kisumu, four **(4)** Machakos, three **(3)**, Makueni, Migori, Homabay, Kwale, Siaya and Turkana one **(1)** case each.

The distribution of cases in sub-counties is as follows; in Nairobi the cases are from; Westlands, **(21)**, Embakasi South, and Kibra six **(6)** cases each, Embakasi West, five **(5)**, Kamukunji and Langata, four **(4)** cases each, Kasarani, three **(3)**, Makadara and Dagoretti North, two **(2)** cases each and Embakasi East, **one** case.

In Mombasa, the **47** cases are from Mvita, (**14**), Jomvu, (**11**), Kisauni, seven (**7**), Changamwe and Nyali six (**6**) cases each, and Likoni three (**3**).

In Busia, all the **28** cases are of truck drivers, **22** at Malaba POE and six (**6**) at Busia border point. In Kiambu, the (**14**) cases are from Kikuyu, nine (**9**), Thika, two (**2**), Kiambu Town, Juja, and Gatundu, one (**1**) case each.

In Uasin Gishu, the **11** cases are from Soy, five (**5**), Turbo, three (**3**), Ainabkoi, Kapseret, and Kesses, one (**1**) case each, while in Kisumu, the four (**4**) cases are from Kisumu Central three (**3**), and Kisumu West one (**1**) case.

In Machakos, all the three (**3**) cases are from Athi River. Kuria East in Migori, Ndiwa in Homa Bay, Msambweni in Kwale, Alego Usonga in Siaya and Kakuma refugee camp in Turkana, all have one (**1**) case each.

In terms of gender, one-hundred and twenty-five (**125**) are males and forty-two (**42**) females. The youngest is **11** months, while the oldest is **75**.

Today, we are grateful to our healthcare workers that we have discharged another **46** patients from various health facilities, bringing our total number of recoveries to **752**.

Sadly, we have lost one (**1**) more patient to the disease, bringing the total fatality number to **84**. Our deepest condolences to the family of the departed.

Fellow Kenyans,

As we continue to combat COVID-19, I wish to acknowledge the longstanding partnership, between Civil Society, Professional organizations, Media, Development Partners and the Ministry of Health, in the fight against cancer.

Today, we celebrate the National Cancer Survivors' Day, an annual event held globally to honor cancer survivors and to show that indeed, life after a cancer diagnosis is

possible, can be fruitful, rewarding and inspiring. This day, is an opportunity to raise awareness about cancer and the importance of screening for early diagnosis, if we are to achieve better treatment outcomes and cancer survivorship.

Our survivors prove that cancer is not all gloom and doom and that, indeed, we can overcome cancer if we avoid risk factors, such as tobacco and excessive alcohol use, as well as seeking healthcare early enough.

As we celebrate life, we will continue to engage in addressing the ongoing challenges of cancer survivorship, to promote resources, research, and legislation, that will improve cancer survivors' quality of life, in line with the Universal Health Coverage Agenda.

In conclusion, let me repeat my appeal.

1. We must, all be vigilant.
2. We can beat the virus through solidarity and cooperation of the measures we have taken.
3. We must behave responsibly, to shape the story of this pandemic.

By doing so, we leave no one behind.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**SEN. MUTAHI KAGWE, EGH,
CABINET SECRETARY.**