



NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON CORONAVIRUS

UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN THE COUNTRY AND RESPONSE MEASURES, AS AT AUGUST 18, 2021

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PRESS STATEMENT

Today **1,506** people have tested positive for the disease, from a sample size of **9,840** tested in the last 24 hours. The positivity rate is now **15.3%**. From the cases **1,473** are Kenyans while **33** are foreigners. **795** females while **711** are males. The youngest is a **five-month-old baby** while the oldest is **102** years. Total confirmed positive cases are now **224,400** and cumulative tests so far conducted are **2,278,763**.

In terms of **County** distribution; Nairobi **512**, Kiambu **162**, Nakuru **93**, Mombasa **89**, Nyandarua **88**, Makueni **68**, Machakos **64**, Murang'a **47**, Embu **45**, Kajiado **41**, Uasin Gishu **41**, Kirinyaga **32**, Marsabit **25**, Turkana **17**, Garissa **17**, Busia **17**, Nandi **15**, Baringo **13**, Meru **12**, Bungoma **10**, Nyeri **10**, Isiolo **8**, Kilifi **8**, Lamu **7**, Kisii **6**, Kisumu **6**, Narok **6**, Kitui **5**, Tana River **5**, Migori **5**, Kwale **4**, Elgeyo Marakwet **3**, Homa Bay **3**, Kakamega **3**, Mandera **3**, Tharaka Nithi **3**, Wajir **3**, Samburu **3**, Siaya **3**, Kericho **2** and Taita Taveta **2**.

Distribution of positive cases by age is as follows; 0-9 years (**71**), 10-19 years (**148**), 20-29 years (**277**), 30-39 (**336**), 40-49 (**255**), 50-59 (**199**), 60 years and above (**220**).

Today **1,538** patients have recovered from the disease with **1,352** from the Home-Based Isolation and Care program while **186** are from various health facilities countrywide. Total recoveries now stand at **207,450** of whom **166,877** are from the Home Based Care and Isolation program, while **40,573** are from various health facilities.

Unfortunately, **24** patients have succumbed to the disease, **one** of them in the last 24 hours while **23** are late deaths reported after conducting facility record audits in the months of July and August 2021. This now pushes the cumulative fatalities to **4,378**. Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of those who have lost their loved ones.

New deaths by age; 0-9 years (**0**), 10-19 years (**0**), 20-29 (**0**), 30-39 years (**0**), 40-49 years (**1**), 50-59 years (**4**), 60 years and above (**19**).

Cumulative deaths by age; 0-9 years (**57**), 10-19 years (**33**), 20-29 (**126**), 30-39 years (**330**), 40-49 years (**511**), 50-59 years (**857**), 60 years and above (**2,464**).

A total of **2,054** patients are currently admitted in various health facilities countrywide, while **8,408** are under the Home-Based Isolation and Care program. **161** patients are in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), **86** of whom are on ventilatory support and **75** on supplemental oxygen. **No** patient is under observation.

Another **783** patients are separately on supplemental oxygen with **723** of them in general wards and **60** in High Dependency Units (HDU).

VACCINATION:

As of August 17th, 2021, a total of **2,154,825** vaccines have so far been administered across the country. Of these, total first doses are **1,393,905** while second doses are **760,920**. The uptake of the second dose among those who received their first dose is at **54.6%** with the majority being males at **55%** while females are at **45%**. Proportion of adults fully vaccinated is **2.8%**.

The uptake of the second dose by Priority Groups is as follows: Aged 58 years and above **232,616**, Others **224,250**, Health Workers **128,298**, Teachers **113,094** while Security Officers are at **62,662**.

Thank you.

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Cabinet Secretary.