



**NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON
CORONAVIRUS**

**UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN THE COUNTRY AND RESPONSE
MEASURES, AS AT SEPTEMBER 17, 2021**

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PRESS STATEMENT

Today **444** people have tested positive for the disease, from a sample size of **7,511** tested in the last 24 hours. The positivity rate is now at **5.9%**. From the cases **430** are Kenyans while **14** are foreigners. **242** males while **202** are females. The youngest is a **three-week-old infant** while the oldest is **90** years. Total confirmed positive cases are now **245,781** and cumulative tests so far conducted are **2,486,331**.

In terms of **County** distribution; Nairobi **138**, Nakuru **36**, Meru **34**, Kiambu **28**, Uasin Gishu **27**, Nyandarua **22**, Embu **16**, Makueni **11**, Kirinyaga **10**, Tharaka Nithi **10**, Machakos **9**, Kajiado **9**, Kitui **8**, Murang'a **8**, Nyeri **8**, Baringo **7**, Kericho **6**, Elgeyo Marakwet **6**, Garissa **6**, Marsabit **5**, Kakamega **4**, Kisii **4**, Wajir **4**, Laikipia **4**, Nandi **4**, Narok **3**, Kisumu **3**, Isiolo **3**, Siaya **2**, Mombasa **2**, West Pokot **1**, Kilifi **1** Mandera **1**, Trans Nzoia **1**, Nyamira **1**, Homa Bay **1** and Busia **1**.

Distribution of positive cases by age is as follows; 0-9 years (**21**), 10-19 years (**33**), 20-29 years (**70**), 30-39 (**90**), 40-49 (**70**), 50-59 (**67**), 60 years and above (**93**).

Today **700** patients have recovered from the disease with **379** from various health facilities countrywide while **321** are from the Home-Based Isolation and Care program. Total recoveries now stand at **236,169** of whom **190,991** are from the Home-Based Care and Isolation program, while **45,178** are from various health facilities.

Sadly, **4** patients have succumbed to the disease, **one** of them in the last 24 hours while **three** are late deaths reported after

conducting facility record audits in September 2021. This now pushes the cumulative fatalities to **4,965**. 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 **(2)**, 60 years and above **(1)**.

Cumulative deaths by age; 0-9 years **(57)**, 10-19 years **(38)**, 20-29 **(136)**, 30-39 years **(367)**, 40-49 years **(577)**, 50-59 years **(946)** 60 years and above **(2,844)**.

A total of **1,472** patients are currently admitted in various health facilities countrywide, while **3,309** are under the Home-Based Isolation and Care program. **119** patients are in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), **86** of whom are on ventilatory support and **27** on supplemental oxygen. **6** patients are under observation.

Another **543** patients are separately on supplemental oxygen with **505** of them in general wards and **38** in High Dependency Units (HDU).

VACCINATION:

As of September 16th, 2021, a total of **3,290,450** vaccines have so far been administered across the country. Of these, total first doses are **2,439,528** while second doses are **850,922**. The uptake of the second dose among those who received their first dose is at **35%** with the majority being males at (**55%**) while females are at (**45%**). Proportion of adults fully vaccinated is **3.1%**.

The uptake of the second dose by Priority Groups is as follows: Aged 58 years and above **247,464**, Others **266,015** Health Workers **138,731**, Teachers **126,653** while Security Officers are at **72,059**.

Thank you.

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