



NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON CORONAVIRUS

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

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PRESS STATEMENT

Today **515** people have tested positive for the disease, from a sample size of **7,981** tested in the last 24 hours. The positivity rate is now at **6.5%**. From the cases **488** are Kenyans while **27** are foreigners. **279** males while **236** are females. The youngest is a **four-month-old infant** while the oldest is **102** years. Total confirmed positive cases are now **246,296** and cumulative tests so far conducted are **2,494,312**.

In terms of **County** distribution; Nairobi **97**, Nyeri **57**, Baringo **37**, Nakuru **34**, Kisii **31**, Kiambu **30**, Uasin Gishu **28**, Meru **23**, Machakos **14**, Nyandarua **13**, Trans Nzoia **13**, Kajiado **11**, Wajir **11**, Embu **10**, Lamu **9**, Mombasa **9**, Tharaka Nithi **8**, Turkana **8**, Isiolo **7**, Bungoma **7**, Murang'a **6**, Kirinyaga **5**, Laikipia **5**, Garissa **5**, Elgeyo Marakwet **4**, Kericho **4**, Siaya **4**, Taita Taveta **3**, Kakamega **3**, Busia **3**, Homa Bay **2**, Bomet **2**, Migori **2**, Narok **2**, Kisumu **2**, West Pokot **2**, Kilifi **1**, Kitui **1**, Kwale **1** and Makueni **1**.

Distribution of positive cases by age is as follows; 0-9 years (**30**), 10-19 years (**27**), 20-29 years (**84**), 30-39 (**107**), 40-49 (**83**), 50-59 (**66**), 60 years and above (**118**).

Today **634** patients have recovered from the disease with **540** from the Home-Based Isolation and Care program while **94** from various health facilities countrywide. Total recoveries now stand at **236,803** of whom **191,531** are from the Home-Based Care and Isolation program, while **45,272** are from various health facilities.

Unfortunately, **15** patients have succumbed to the disease, **one** of them in the last 24 hours while **14** are late deaths reported after conducting facility record audits in August and September 2021.

This now pushes the cumulative fatalities to **4,980**. 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 **(1)**, 30-39 years **(0)**, 40-49 years **(3)**, 50-59 years **(2)**, 60 years and above **(9)**.

Cumulative deaths by age; 0-9 years **(57)**, 10-19 years **(38)**, 20-29 **(137)**, 30-39 years **(367)**, 40-49 years **(580)**, 50-59 years **(948)** 60 years and above **(2,853)**.

A total of **1,444** patients are currently admitted in various health facilities countrywide, while **3,259** are under the Home-Based Isolation and Care program. **114** patients are in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), **83** of whom are on ventilatory support and **25** on supplemental oxygen. **6** patients are under observation.

Another **513** patients are separately on supplemental oxygen with **474** of them in general wards and **39** in High Dependency Units (HDU).

VACCINATION:

As of September 17th, 2021, a total of **3,337,913** vaccines have so far been administered across the country. Of these, total first doses are **2,480,543** while second doses are **857,370**. The uptake of the second dose among those who received their first dose is at **34.6%** 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 **248,048**, Others **270,655** Health Workers **139,131**, Teachers **127,035** while Security Officers are at **72,501**.

Thank you.

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