



NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON

CORONAVIRUS

UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN THE COUNTRY AND RESPONSE

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PRESS STATEMENT

I would like to continue wishing Kenyans happy holidays even as we look forward to the New Year. I have noted with concern an

increase in the infection rate. Today, we have recorded a positivity rate of **37.6%**.

Even as we continue to enjoy the festivities, let us remain cautious and vigilant as we are still in the midst of a pandemic. Where possible, I would like to urge Kenyans, not to engage in mass parties, but if they have to, do it outdoors and observe the Ministry of Health Covid-19 guidelines and protocols.

Let not the festivities to usher in the New Year, be the reason our hospitals get overwhelmed and schools do not re-open. We all need to behave responsibly, take care of each other and ourselves.

All Restaurants and Public Places are reminded **not to admit** persons who have not been vaccinated. For you to go out to public places, please **GET VACCINATED**. All Public and Private Vaccination Centers remain open until late during this festive period. Also ensure that your personal data is captured correctly when you go for vaccination. We are witnessing a number of cases

where the information given was not accurate, bringing about issues once the vaccination certificate has been printed.

I want to thank everyone that is adhering and observing the containment measures that we have advised. Wear face masks at all times while in public places, wash your hands with soap and water, sanitize, maintain social and physical distance and avoid all forms of gatherings be they social or political. Let us not relent in the fight against this unseen enemy. Like I always say, if you treat this disease normally it will treat you abnormally.

Today **1,596** people have tested positive for the disease, from a sample size of **4,242** tested in the last 24 hours. The positivity rate is now at **37.6%**. From the cases **1,454** are Kenyans while **142** are foreigners. **879** are females and **717** are males. The youngest is an **eight-month-old child** while the oldest is **91** years. Total confirmed positive cases are now **284,150** and cumulative tests so far conducted are **2,994,912**.

In terms of **County** distribution; Nairobi **683**, Siaya **213**, Murang'a **133**, Uasin Gishu **75**, Kajiado **73**, Kakamega **62**, Kiambu **55**, Nakuru **53**, Migori **48**, Kitui **38**, Kericho **33**, Nyeri **26**, Kwale **19**, Laikipia **14**, Homa Bay **14**, Kirinyaga **13**, Embu **13**, Marsabit **9**, Turkana **6**, Machakos **5**, Meru **5**, Kisii **4** and Makueni **2**.

Distribution of positive cases by age is as follows; 0-9 years **(46)**, 10-19 years **(90)**, 20-29 years **(402)**, 30-39 **(412)**, 40-49 **(276)**, 50-59 **(176)**, 60 years and above **(194)**.

Today **330** patients have recovered from the disease, **196** are from various health facilities countrywide while **134** are from the Home-Based Isolation and Care program. Total recoveries now stand at **250,326** of whom **201,604** are from the Home-Based Care and Isolation program, while **48,722** are from various health facilities countrywide.

Sadly, **three** patients have succumbed to the disease all of them being late deaths reported after conducting facility record audits in the month of December 2021. This pushes the cumulative fatalities to **5,364**. Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of those that 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 **(0)**, 50-59 years **(0)**, 60 years and above **(3)**.

Cumulative deaths by age; 0-9 years **(58)**, 10-19 years **(39)**, 20-29 **(145)**, 30-39 years **(388)**, 40-49 years **(622)**, 50-59 years **(999)**, 60 years and above **(3,113)**.

A total of **708** patients are currently admitted in various health facilities countrywide, while **19,315** are under the Home-Based Isolation and Care program. **31** patients are in the Intensive Care

Unit (ICU), **17** of them on ventilatory support while **14** are on supplemental oxygen.

Another **160** patients are on supplemental oxygen and **151** of them are in the general wards. **Nine** patients are in the High Dependency Unit (HDU).

VACCINATION CAMPAIGN:

As of December 26th 2021, a total of **9,579,456** vaccines had so far been administered across the country. Of these, **5,639,933** were partially vaccinated while those fully vaccinated were **3,939,523**. The uptake of the second dose among those who received their first dose was at **55.7%**. Proportion of adults fully vaccinated was **14.5%**.

The table below shows the total County cumulative trends and proportion of fully vaccinated. Nairobi County is in the lead with

32.8% of the population fully vaccinated followed by Nyeri **30.0%**, Laikipia **23.5%**, Kiambu **21.6%**, Taita Taveta **17.6%**, Murang'a **17.2%**, Uasin Gishu at **16.8%**, Kakamega **16.4%**, Machakos **16.2%**, Kirinyaga **16.2%**, Nyandarua **15.7%**, Nakuru **15.2%**.

No.	County	No. fully vaccinated	Target Population above 18 years	% of fully vaccinated population	No.	County	No. fully vaccinated	Target Population above 18 years	% of fully vaccinated population
1	Nairobi	1,002,559	3,052,494	32.8%	25	Nyamira	34,280	341,397	10.0%
2	Nyeri	153,222	510,028	30.0%	26	Meru	92,042	949,186	9.7%
3	Laikipia	72,031	306,448	23.5%	27	Siaya	51,276	536,031	9.6%
4	Kiambu	351,288	1,623,545	21.6%	28	Baringo	30,370	338,937	9.0%
5	Taita Taveta	37,512	213,335	17.6%	29	Nandi	41,091	492,652	8.3%
6	Muranga	116,335	675,364	17.2%	30	Busia	36,389	465,190	7.8%
7	Uasin Gishu	116,606	693,570	16.8%	31	Samburu	10,713	145,608	7.4%
8	Kakamega	161,339	982,838	16.4%	32	Kwale	32,521	451,261	7.2%
9	Machakos	147,072	905,172	16.2%	33	Migori	38,852	557,657	7.0%
10	Kirinyaga	66,924	413,708	16.2%	34	Kitui	41,844	624,506	6.7%
11	Nyandarua	58,982	376,776	15.7%	35	Isiolo	8,630	133,358	6.5%
12	Nakuru	193,544	1,273,265	15.2%	36	Kisii	43,924	697,445	6.3%
13	Mombasa	120,084	804,202	14.9%	37	Homa Bay	36,717	608,326	6.0%
14	Kajiado	98,212	663,201	14.8%	38	Kilifi	40,943	784,567	5.2%

15	Kisumu	97,054	656,147	14.8%	39	Marsabit	11,295	219,170	5.2%
16	Embu	56,659	395,980	14.3%	40	Bomet	23,184	465,963	5.0%
17	Bungoma	108,975	843,735	12.9%	41	Garissa	19,786	399,358	5.0%
18	Vihiga	41,752	329,317	12.7%	42	Narok	26,732	548,229	4.9%
19	Trans Nzoia	63,870	518,077	12.3%	43	West Pokot	12,898	283,727	4.5%
20	Kericho	59,906	508,980	11.8%	44	Mandera	14,909	341,857	4.4%
21	Lamu	9,746	83,433	11.7%	45	Turkana	19,677	468,878	4.2%
22	Tharaka Nithi	28,142	246,699	11.4%	46	Wajir	14,128	337,296	4.2%
23	Elgeyo Marakwet	27,168	243,690	11.1%	47	Tana River	5,246	151,051	3.5%
24	Makueni	63,094	584,379	10.8%		Total	3,939,523	27,246,033	14.5%

I thank you.

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