



NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON

CORONAVIRUS

UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN THE COUNTRY AND RESPONSE

MEASURES, AS AT DECEMBER 18, 2021

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PRESS STATEMENT

On Wednesday, 15th December 2021, I confirmed we had detected our first cases of the Omicron Coronavirus Variant in the country. Further to my announcement, I confirm between 23rd November

and 7th December 2021, we have identified **9** lineages circulating in Kenya from a sample size of **34**. Twenty-seven sequences (**77%**) were confirmed to belong to the newly identified Omicron variant of concern. Two individuals with the Omicron variant had recently travelled from South Africa and Ghana and the rest had no recent international travel history. The increase in cases infected with the variant and have no recent travel history suggests ongoing community transmission of this variant.

I want to encourage Kenyans who are yet to be vaccinated to do so and **EVERYONE** including those already vaccinated to adhere to hand washing, social distancing and other Ministry of Health containment guidelines.

This will help us avert an uncontrolled spread of the virus because today, **2,169** people have tested positive for the disease, from a sample size of **9,428** tested in the last 24 hours. The positivity rate is now at **23.0%**. From the cases, **2,041** are Kenyans while **128**

are foreigners. **1,130** females and **1,039** are males. The youngest is a **two-month-old child** while the oldest is **95** years. Total confirmed positive cases are now **262,335** and cumulative tests so far conducted are **2,924,685**.

In terms of **County** distribution; Nairobi **1,230**, Kiambu **258**, Kajjado **83**, Nakuru **116**, Machakos **61**, Mombasa **56**, Nyeri **40**, Uasin Gishu **30**, Kwale **29**, Kericho **28**, Kisumu **23**, Homa Bay **20**, Busia **20**, Murang'a **18**, Nyandarua **18**, Kirinyaga **17**, Embu **17**, Tharaka Nithi **15**, Laikipia **14**, Siaya **14**, Kakamega **13**, Kilifi **9**, West Pokot **7**, Bomet **7**, Meru **5**, Kisii **4**, Kitui **4**, Turkana **3**, Lamu **2**, Garissa **2**, Migori **1**, Marsabit **1**, Nandi **1**, Vihiga **1**, Baringo **1** and Bungoma **1**.

Distribution of positive cases by age is as follows; 0-9 years (**43**), 10-19 years (**117**), 20-29 years (**658**), 30-39 (**655**), 40-49 (**378**), 50-59 (**201**), 60 years and above (**117**).

Today **30** patients have recovered from the disease, **17** from the Home-Based Isolation and Care program while **13** are from various health facilities countrywide. Total recoveries now stand at **249,222** of whom **201,125** are from the Home-Based Care and Isolation program, while **48,097** are from various health facilities countrywide.

Today there is no death reported. Therefore, the cumulative fatalities remain at **5,353**.

Cumulative deaths by age; 0-9 years (**58**), 10-19 years (**39**), 20-29 (**144**), 30-39 years (**386**), 40-49 years (**621**), 50-59 years (**998**), 60 years and above (**3,107**).

A total of **241** patients are currently admitted in various health facilities countrywide, while **4,474** are under the Home-Based Isolation and Care program. **9** patients are in the Intensive Care

Unit (ICU), **3** of them on ventilatory support while **6** are on supplemental oxygen.

Another **50** patients are on supplemental oxygen and **49** of them are in the general wards. **One** patient is in the High Dependency Unit (HDU).

VACCINATION CAMPAIGN:

As of December 17th 2021, a total of **8,818,453** vaccines had so far been administered across the country. Of these, **5,264,630** were partially vaccinated while those fully vaccinated were **3,553,823**. The uptake of the second dose among those who received their first dose was at **56.5%**. Proportion of adults fully vaccinated was **13.0%**. The Government is working towards vaccinating a targeted population of **27,246,033**.

The table below shows the total County cumulative trends and proportion of fully vaccinated. Nairobi County is in the lead with **31.5%** of the population fully vaccinated followed by Nyeri at **27.5%**, Laikipia **21.2%**, Kiambu **20.5%**, Murang'a **15.9%**, Taita Taveta **15.7%**, Uasin Gishu at **15.4%**, Kirinyaga **15.0%**, Nyandarua **14.2%**, Nakuru **14.0%**, Kajiado **13.8%**, Mombasa **13.6%** and Kisumu at **13.5%**. Meanwhile Mandera County is the least with **2.7%** of the Population fully vaccinated.

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	962,281	3,052,494	31.5%	25	Nyamira	29,178	341,397	8.5%
2	Nyeri	140,346	510,028	27.5%	26	Baringo	27,131	338,937	8.0%
3	Laikipia	64,965	306,448	21.2%	27	Meru	75,794	949,186	8.0%
4	Kiambu	332,788	1,623,545	20.5%	28	Siaya	41,058	536,031	7.7%
5	Muranga	107,449	675,364	15.9%	29	Nandi	36,957	492,652	7.5%
6	Taita Taveta	33,459	213,335	15.7%	30	Busia	31,976	465,190	6.9%
7	Uasin Gishu	106,604	693,570	15.4%	31	Samburu	9,630	145,608	6.6%
8	Kirinyaga	62,081	413,708	15.0%	32	Kwale	27,397	451,261	6.1%
9	Nyandarua	53,551	376,776	14.2%	33	Kitui	37,853	624,506	6.1%
10	Nakuru	178,612	1,273,265	14.0%	34	Migori	33,063	557,657	5.9%
11	Kajiado	91,695	663,201	13.8%	35	Isiolo	7,773	133,358	5.8%

12	Machakos	124,462	905,172	13.8%	36	Kisii	37,022	697,445	5.3%
13	Mombasa	109,681	804,202	13.6%	37	Homa Bay	31,506	608,326	5.2%
14	Kisumu	88,901	656,147	13.5%	38	Kilifi	37,130	784,567	4.7%
15	Embu	51,061	395,980	12.9%	39	Bomet	21,124	465,963	4.5%
16	Kakamega	109,099	982,838	11.1%	40	Marsabit	9,348	219,170	4.3%
17	Kericho	55,871	508,980	11.0%	41	Garissa	16,517	399,358	4.1%
18	Trans Nzoia	55,687	518,077	10.7%	42	Narok	22,201	548,229	4.0%
19	Vihiga	34,991	329,317	10.6%	43	Turkana	17,050	468,878	3.6%
20	Tharaka Nithi	26,186	246,699	10.6%	44	West Pokot	10,146	283,727	3.6%
21	Bungoma	88,918	843,735	10.5%	45	Wajir	10,960	337,296	3.2%
22	Makueni	60,043	584,379	10.3%	46	Tana River	4,865	151,051	3.2%
23	Lamu	7,709	83,433	9.2%	47	Mandera	9,301	341,857	2.7%
24	Elgeyo Marakwet	22,403	243,690	9.2%		Total	3,553,823	27,246,033	13.0%

The table below shows the proportion of persons above 18 years' who have received at least one dose of COVID-19 Vaccine (A dose of Johnson and Johnson vaccine and first dose of other vaccines) as at Friday 16th, December 2021. So far, five Million, eight hundred and forty-four thousand, three hundred and forty-eight **(5,844,348)** persons have received at least one dose, out of the

target population of twenty-seven Million, two hundred and forty-six thousand and thirty-three **(27,246,033) 21.5%**.

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1	Nairobi	1,387,513	3,052,494	45.5%	25	Nyamira	58,316	341,397	17.1%
2	Nyeri	196,277	510,028	38.5%	26	Elgeyo Marakwet	39,071	243,690	16.0%
3	Laikipia	100,641	306,448	32.8%	27	Busia	69,838	465,190	15.0%
4	Taita Taveta	65,495	213,335	30.7%	28	Migori	80,166	557,657	14.4%
5	Kiambu	461,535	1,623,545	28.4%	29	Lamu	11,906	83,433	14.3%
6	Kirinyaga	115,618	413,708	27.9%	30	Baringo	44,478	338,937	13.1%
7	Nakuru	353,740	1,273,265	27.8%	31	Nandi	59,902	492,652	12.2%
8	Kisumu	179,927	656,147	27.4%	32	Kisii	83,135	697,445	11.9%
9	Muranga	180,641	675,364	26.7%	33	Homa Bay	70,779	608,326	11.6%
10	Uasin Gishu	178,835	693,570	25.8%	34	Kitui	67,053	624,506	10.7%
11	Nyandarua	92,226	376,776	24.5%	35	Bomet	45,608	465,963	9.8%
12	Vihiga	77,159	329,317	23.4%	36	Kwale	43,123	451,261	9.6%
13	Embu	89,868	395,980	22.7%	37	Kilifi	70,845	784,567	9.0%
14	Mombasa	177,569	804,202	22.1%	38	Narok	45,565	548,229	8.3%
15	Machakos	196,821	905,172	21.7%	39	Samburu	11,746	145,608	8.1%
16	Kajiado	138,196	663,201	20.8%	40	Isiolo	9,805	133,358	7.4%
17	Bungoma	170,123	843,735	20.2%	41	West Pokot	15,628	283,727	5.5%
18	Trans Nzoia	97,142	518,077	18.8%	42	Turkana	23,125	468,878	4.9%
19	Tharaka Nithi	45,516	246,699	18.5%	43	Marsabit	10,452	219,170	4.8%
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21	Kakamega	174,496	982,838	17.8%	45	Tana River	6,680	151,051	4.4%
22	Meru	166,909	949,186	17.6%	46	Wajir	12,442	337,296	3.7%
23	Siaya	93,813	536,031	17.5%	47	Mandera	11,621	341,857	3.4%
24	Makueni	101,044	584,379	17.3%		Total	5,844,348	27,246,033	21.5%

I thank you.

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