



NATIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMITTEE ON
CORONAVIRUS
UPDATE OF CORONAVIRUS IN THE COUNTRY AND
RESPONSE MEASURES AS AT 3rd April, 2020

Fellow Kenyans,

Welcome to the daily update on the current status of Coronavirus disease outbreak in Kenya.

I would like to start by highlighting the global Coronavirus situation. 204 countries have reported cases of Coronavirus. As of today, the global infection statistics is as follows; there are 1021,037 cases with 751,675 people so far infected while 53,251 have lost their lives. However, 213,224 have recovered.

As we speak, United States of America has recorded 245,373 cases, with 6,095 deaths, and 10,403 recoveries. Italy has recorded 115,242 cases with 13,915 deaths, and 18,278 recoveries. In Africa, Algeria is leading with 986 cases, 86 deaths and 61 recoveries, followed by Egypt with 865 cases, 58 deaths and 201 recoveries.

In the last 24 hours, we have managed to test a total of 362 samples out of which 12 people have tested positive for the Coronavirus disease. Out of this number eleven (**11**) are Kenyans and one (**1**) Somali National. This now brings the total number of those who have tested positive for the disease in the country to 122.

The twelve (**12**) people have already been moved into isolation in our various health facilities. Contact tracing has commenced. To date we have managed to test **1433** samples from the individuals currently in quarantine

facilities. We are now remaining with **617** individuals to be tested.

At the same time, I am saddened to inform you that we have lost another patient to the Coronavirus disease. The person, a 6 year old male child was also was ailing from other medical conditions and had been admitted at Kenyatta National Hospital. This now brings to four (4) the number of those who have died as a result of the disease.

The distribution of these new cases according to their Counties is as follows;

1. Kiambu 1
2. Laikipia 1
3. Mombasa 2
4. Nairobi 7
5. Nyeri 1

In terms of gender, eight (**8**) are males and four (**4**) are females. Nine (**9**) of the confirmed cases were detected in

the designated quarantine facilities, while three **(3)** are from suspected cases admitted in isolation units in various health facilities. The ages of the confirmed cases range between **28** to **68** years.

We have so far monitored **1721** contacts and out of this number **1073** have been discharged. Currently, there are **648** contacts that we are actively tracing.

As we continue with our level of preparedness and response, I would like to appeal to those who are hoarding oxygen cylinders to release them.

I am also appealing to various offices and business institutions to minimize the use of hard copies in their transactions and adopt the use of paperless mode especially for letters and other documents.

In our efforts to boost the capacity in our Counties, I urge all members of the County Assemblies to halt their

conflicts with Governors during this period and focus their energies in equipping the County health facilities in order to aid in fighting the disease.

This is not to say that proper scrutiny and accountability measures must be overlooked. In fact, to the contrary, the County Assemblies must ensure everything is done within the law, but the processes must not be delayed at the expense of procuring services in our county hospitals.

We have now started manufacturing of personal protective equipment (PPE's) and masks for the health care workers and for initial distribution to boda boda, tuk tuks and matatu operators. The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry, present here will elaborate on the matter.

I thank you.

**HON. MUTAHI KAGWE, EGH,
CABINET SECRETARY.**