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COVID-19 OUTBREAK IN NIGERIA

Situation Report

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HIGHLIGHTS

This is the 18th national situation report, following confirmation of the first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Nigeria on 27th February 2020.

- On the 17th of March 2020, **no new** confirmed case of COVID-19 recorded in Nigeria
- Cumulatively, Nigeria has recorded **three** confirmed cases of COVID-19 with no death
- The third case returned to Lagos on the 13th of March after a brief visit to the United Kingdom. Case has been in self-isolation since return. She is being managed at the Infectious Disease Hospital, Yaba, Lagos
- The National EOC is working with Lagos State EOC to identify contacts of the third case
- Apart from the index case, a total of 55 people have been screened for COVID-19 (2 new) in 8 States (Edo, Enugu, FCT, Kano, Lagos, Ogun, Rivers, and Yobe) out of which 47 tested negative and have been ruled out, result is pending for six, while two were confirmed positive
- The second confirmed case who was a contact of the index case, has tested negative twice consecutively, has cleared the virus and was discharged to go home on 13th of March 2020
- The two cases currently on admission are clinically stable at the designated treatment facility for COVID-19, the Infectious Disease Hospital (IDH) Yaba, Lagos
- All other contacts of the index case completed their follow up period on Friday 13th of March 2020 and have been allowed to re-integrate into the society and resume their normal lives
- A multi-sectoral national emergency operations centre (EOC), activated at level 3, continues to coordinate national response activities
- Global situation: As at 16th of March 2020, a total of 167,511 confirmed cases reported (48% cases in China) with 6,606 deaths. Number of countries/territories/areas affected within the last 24 hours increased by 4 countries (Uzbekistan, Uruguay, Rwanda and Seychelles) making a total of 148 countries¹.
- As at 16th of March 2020, 29 of 54 countries in Africa have reported cases: Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Senegal, Nigeria, South Africa, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Togo, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Cote D'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Kenya, Namibia, Seychelles, Central African Republic, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Gabon, Guinea, Mauritania, Rwanda, Ghana, Sudan, Liberia, Benin, and Tanzania².

¹ <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/>

² <https://who.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/0c9b3a8b68d0437a8cf28581e9c063a9>

COVID-19 Situation Report

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION

- On 27th February 2020, a 44-year old Italian citizen was diagnosed of COVID-19 in Lagos State. The case is the first to be reported in Nigeria since the first confirmed case was reported from China in January 2020. The index case arrived the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos at 10pm on 24th February 2020 aboard Turkish airline from Milan, Italy. He traveled to his company site in Ogun state on 25th February. He is in care at IDH Yaba
- On 8th March 2020, 40 asymptomatic contacts to the index case and in supervised self-isolation were tested for SARS-CoV-2 following WHO recommendations. One of the contacts in Ogun was confirmed positive. Following care, he has now tested negative twice consecutively, is cleared of the virus and was discharged from the hospital on the 13th of March 2020.
- On 16th March 2020, a 30-year old Nigerian national was diagnosed of COVID-19 in Lagos. She returned from the United Kingdom on the 13th of March and was on self-isolation before she developed symptoms. She is clinically stable and being managed at IDH Yaba

Table 1: Summary of COVID-19 cases in Nigeria

States	Total number of people screened	Lab Confirmed	Discharged	Deaths in confirmed cases
Edo	1	0	N/A	0
Enugu	1	0	N/A	0
FCT	11	0	N/A	0
Kano	1	0	N/A	0
Lagos	35	1	0	0
Ogun	4	2*	1	0
Rivers	1	0	N/A	0
Yobe	1	0	N/A	0
Total	55	3	N/A	0

*The second confirmed case was an asymptomatic contact to the index case. He has cleared the virus and has been discharged

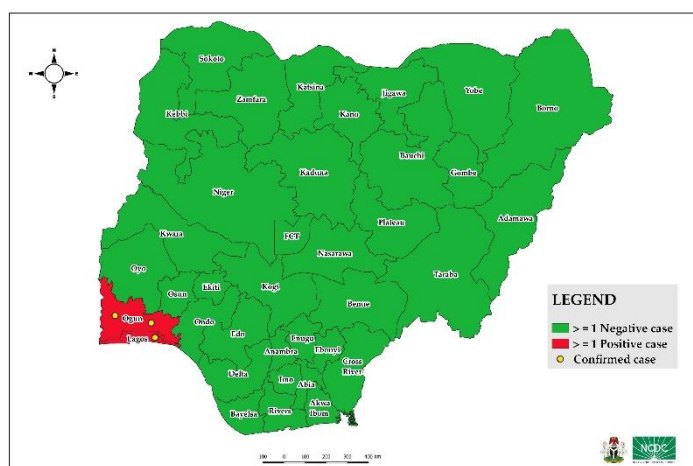


Fig. 1: Map of Nigeria showing COVID-19 affected States



Fig. 2: Map of Nigeria showing COVID-19 testing laboratories

MAJOR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

- Inaugural meeting of Presidential Task Force held
- Case definitions updated to include more high risk countries
- Guidance for safe mass gathering published
- Revised public health advisory and Frequently Asked Questions published-
www.covid19.ncdc.gov.ng
- Ministerial press briefing held on 16th and 17th March 2020, ongoing response to media queries