



COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORT 31

Epi Week 19: 10th – 16th May 2021

DATA AS REPORTED AND ACCURATE BY NCDC AS AT MIDNIGHT 16TH MAY 2021

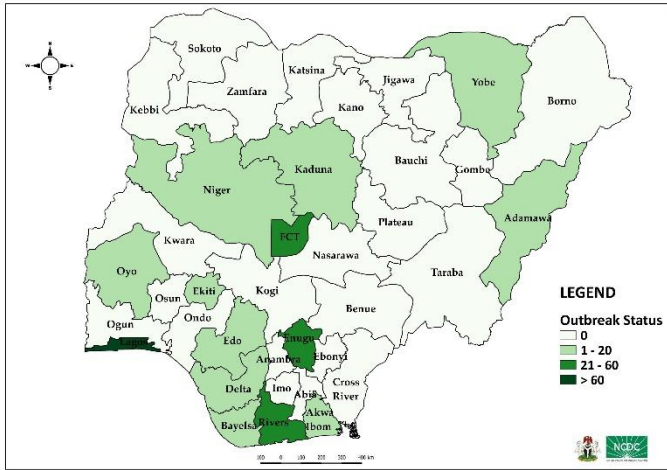


Fig 1. Distribution of cases (Epi Week 19 only)

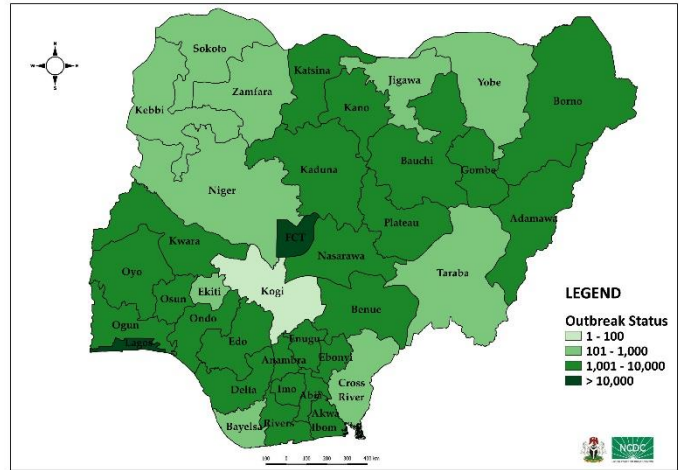


Fig 2. Distribution of cumulative cases

HIGHLIGHTS

- In Week 19, the number of new confirmed cases increased to **290** from **238** reported in week 18. These were reported in **15** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 3).
- In Week 19, the number of discharged cases decreased to **116** from **936** in week 18. These were reported in **9** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 4).
- The number of reported deaths in the last one week was **1 (Ogun State)** (Tables 1 & 5).
- Cumulatively, since the outbreak began in Week 9, 2020 there have been **165,709** cases and **2,066** deaths reported with a case fatality rate (CFR) of **1.2%** (Tables 1 & 5).
- In Week 19, the number of in-bound international travellers at Nigerian airports was **15,669** compared with **13,330** in Week 18.
- In Week 19, the number of international travellers with a positive result was **42** compared to **16** from week 18.
- Globally, the count for confirmed COVID-19 cases is **162,773,940** with **3,375,573** deaths resulting in a case fatality rate of **2.1%**.

GENERAL FACT SHEET – DATA AS AT 16TH MAY 2021

Table 1: States with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases, recoveries, deaths, samples tested and active cases.

STATE	CONFIRMED		RECOVERIES		DEATHS		ACTIVE CASES	TESTING	
	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week		Total	Last Week
Abia	1,690	0	1,664	0	22	0	4	22,896	88
Adamawa	1,130	19	1,086	16	32	0	12	19,623	28
Akwa Ibom	1,893	10	1,853	20	14	0	26	20,432	69
Anambra	1,909	0	1,826	0	19	0	64	25,379	104
Bauchi	1,549	0	1,518	0	17	0	14	25,283	-
Bayelsa	888	2	855	0	26	0	7	17,828	187
Benue	1,188	0	591	0	22	0	575	16,819	7
Borno	1,337	0	1,200	0	38	0	99	20,474	16
Cross River	394	0	376	0	18	0	0	7,119	24
Delta	2,627	2	1,744	0	71	0	812	37,183	195
Ebonyi	2,030	0	1,965	0	32	0	33	15,820	5
Edo	4,907	2	4,715	0	185	0	7	45,463	554
Ekiti	873	1	856	0	11	0	6	17,365	261
Enugu	2,453	33	2,013	0	29	0	411	27,898	767
FCT	19,841	32	19,104	5	166	0	571	273,684	3,851
Gombe	2,035	0	1,986	0	44	0	5	43,881	28
Imo	1,657	0	1,592	0	37	0	28	38,344	241
Jigawa	528	0	492	0	16	0	20	10,386	47
Kaduna	9,068	3	9,000	8	65	0	3	99,734	2,086
Kano	3,967	0	3,849	12	110	0	8	98,729	1,618
Katsina	2,097	0	2,049	0	34	0	14	39,754	24
Kebbi	450	0	392	0	16	0	42	17,473	-
Kogi	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	4,623	2
Kwara	3,123	0	3,067	5	55	0	1	24,840	12
Lagos	58,713	125	56,990	0	439	0	1,284	502,311	8,868
Nasarawa	2,383	0	373	0	13	0	1,997	23,030	6
Niger	935	5	913	0	17	0	5	17,892	80

STATE	CONFIRMED		RECOVERIES		DEATHS		ACTIVE CASES	TESTING	
	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week		Total	Last Week
Ogun	4,680	0	4,628	24	50	1	2	72,931	398
Ondo	3,248	0	2,080	0	63	0	1,105	24,850	73
Osun	2,578	0	2,520	0	52	0	6	18,802	18
Oyo	6,855	3	6,729	6	124	0	2	61,060	428
Plateau	9,060	0	9,002	11	57	0	1	68,217	98
Rivers	7,171	39	7,040	9	101	0	30	195,471	4,219
Sokoto	775	0	747	0	28	0	0	18,817	4
Taraba	992	0	968	0	24	0	0	13,004	129
Yobe	436	14	394	0	9	0	33	18,915	20
Zamfara	244	0	233	0	8	0	3	7,935	-
Total	165,709	290	156,413	116	2,066	1	7,230	2,014,265	24,555

Test type disaggregation (last one week)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	24,183	98.5%
RDT	372	1.5%
TOTAL	24,555	

Test type disaggregation (cumulative)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	1,834,111	91.0%
RDT	180,154	9.0%
TOTAL	2,014,265	

RETURNING PASSENGERS TESTS

Table 2: Laboratories that carried out COVID-19 tests for returning passengers over the last week.

LABORATORY	IN-BOUND
54Gene Abuja	259
54Gene Lagos	253
ACOUNS LABORATORY DIAGNOSTIC CENTER	90
AML/IKEJA, Lagos	65
Arab Labs	15
ARRIVE ALIVE, Ojuelegba, Lagos	7
BIOLOGIX	65
Cedarcrest Abuja	74
CLINA-LANCET LABORATORIES	330
CLINA-LANCET LABORATORIES ABUJA	19
CLINIX HEALTHCARE	73
DNA labs Abuja	134
E-clinic & Diagnostics	56
EHA Clinics	256
Everight diagnostics (Abuja)	63
Everight diagnostics (Imo)	250
HARLEY AND RAINBOW SPECIALIZED LABORATORY	25
LASUCOM Molecular Laboratory	7
LILY LAB	49
ME CURE	25
MEDBURY MEDICAL SERVICES	127
MEDBURY PCR LABORATORY	350
Medicaid Abuja	155
SYNLAB	109
The Specialist Lab	6
TOTAL	26
UNION DIAGNOSTICS	3
VCARE	89
WellMed	24
ZAINE LAB	84
Grand Total	3088

Laboratories without reports on number of samples tested this week.

AKTH (Kano)	JUTH GX (Plateau)
GH Onitsha (Anambra)	O2 (Lagos)
UNIOSUN (Osun)	GH Takum (Taraba)
OOUTH (Ogun)	Lily Hosp (Edo)
IFAIN (Kano)	RMLM MKD (Benue)
Kaduna Mobile Truck GX (Kaduna)	SMPL (Enugu)
Lawrence Henshaw (Cross River)	ACEGID (OSUN)
SSH (Kogi)	FMC, KEBBI
IFAIN (Kano)	GH MINNER
CAMRET (Sokoto)	BML, BAYELSA
NVRI (Plateau)	NVRI, PLATEAU
DNA labs (Abuja)	MDL, AKWA IBOM
BUK (Kano)	ABU, KADUNA
GH TAKUM (TARABA)	BML, BAUCHI
AWKA ABBOTT LAB, ANAMBRA	MOGID, BAUCHI
ZANKLI GX LAB, NASARAWA	FMC OWO, ONDO
IDH SOBI, KWARA	YSSH, YOBE
UDUTH, SOKOTO	FMC BIRNIN KEBBI, KEBBI

DAILY CONFIRMED CASES – DATA AS AT 16TH MAY 2021

Table 3: States with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases daily over the last week

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 19	10 th May	11 th May	12 th May	13 th May	14 th May	15 th May	16 th May
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adamawa	19	0	19	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	10	0	2	1	3	2	2	0
Anambra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bauchi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bayelsa	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delta	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Ekiti	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Enugu	33	8	3	0	0	22	0	0
FCT	32	27	2	0	0	0	3	0
Gombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Kano	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katsina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kebbi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lagos	125	11	16	28	36	18	16	0
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Ogun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ondo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 19	10 th May	11 th May	12 th May	13 th May	14 th May	15 th May	16 th May
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oyo	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plateau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rivers	39	0	0	14	14	6	3	2
Sokoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taraba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yobe	14	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
Zamfara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	290	49	47	44	53	49	41	7

DAILY RECOVERIES – DATA AS AT 16TH MAY 2021

Table 4: States with reported case management confirmed COVID-19 recoveries daily over the last week.

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 19	10 th May	11 th May	12 th May	13 th May	14 th May	15 th May	16 th May
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adamawa	16	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	20	0	0	0	11	2	7	0
Anambra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bauchi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bayelsa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ekiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enugu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCT	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	8	0	2	3	1	1	1	0
Kano	12	0	3	0	1	3	5	0
Katsina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kebbi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lagos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ogun	24	5	8	4	0	6	0	1
Ondo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 19	10 th May	11 th May	12 th May	13 th May	14 th May	15 th May	16 th May
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oyo	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plateau	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
Rivers	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
Sokoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taraba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zamfara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	116	21	40	16	13	12	13	1

DAILY FATALITIES – DATA AS AT 16TH MAY 2021

Table 5: States with reported COVID-19 fatalities daily over the last week

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 19	10 th May	11 th May	12 th May	13 th May	14 th May	15 th May	16 th May
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adamawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anambra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bauchi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bayelsa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ekiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enugu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kano	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katsina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kebbi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lagos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 19	10 th May	11 th May	12 th May	13 th May	14 th May	15 th May	16 th May
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ogun	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ondo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Osun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plateau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rivers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sokoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taraba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zamfara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

DAILY EPICURVE

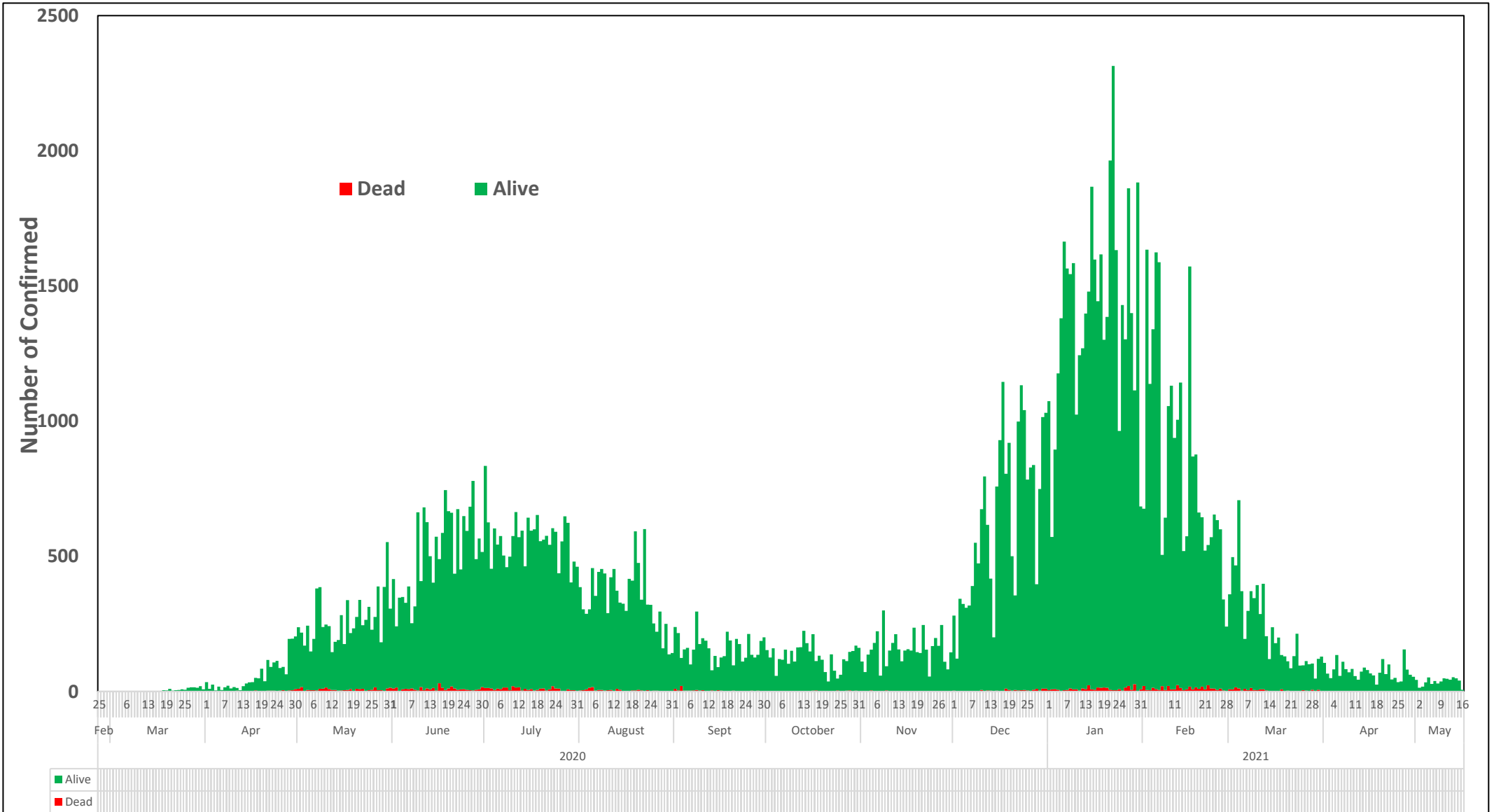


Figure 3: Daily epidemic curve of confirmed cases as reported per day as of 16th May 2021

AGE-GENDER BREAKDOWN

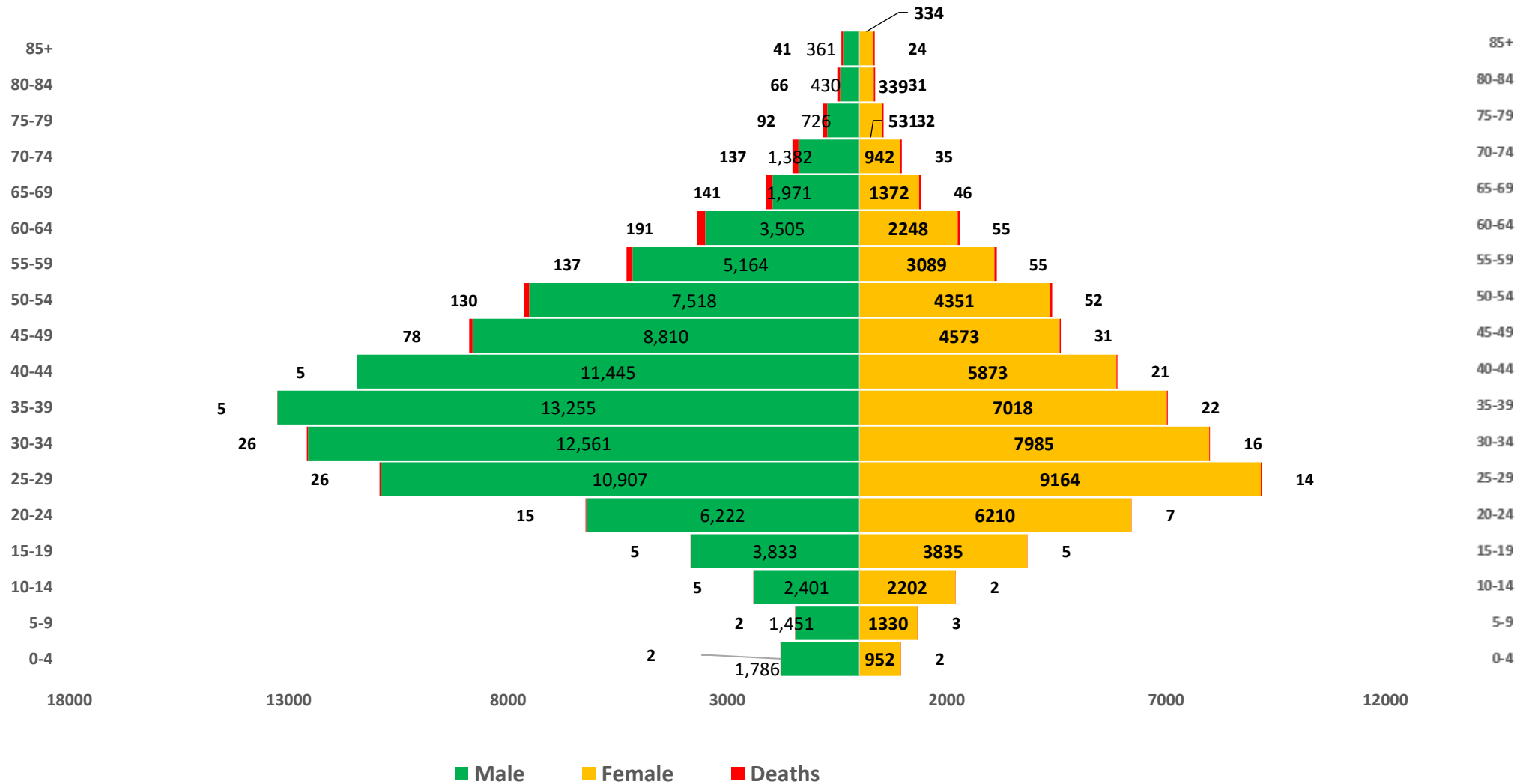


Figure 7: Chart with age and gender breakdown of cases and deaths (WK10, 2020 – WK19, 2021)

RESPONSE COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Table 5: Response commodities distributed in week 19

S/N	Item	Unit of Measurement (U.o.M)	NDLEA	NYSC
1	Ag-RDT Kit	Pack of 25 tests	240	3451
2	FACE MASK	Pcs	3450	11100
3	EXAMINATION GLOVES	Pack	12	740
4	DISPOSABLE LAB COAT	Pcs		3370
5	BIOHAZARD BAG	Pcs		3370
6	HYPOCHLORITE 1L	Pcs		74
7	SURGICAL GOWN	Pcs	100	
8	GOGGLES	Pcs	22	
9	FACE SHIELD	Pcs	23	3370
10	KN95	Pcs	180	3370
11	BENCH PAD	Pack		148
12	SHARPIE PEN	Pcs		185
13	HEAD COVER	Pcs		1554
14	GAUZE	roll		37

No .	ITEM	UNIT	Bauchi State Ministry of Health	ATBUTH	Gombe State Ministry of Health	FTH Gombe	Taraba State Ministry of Health	FMC Jalingo	Yobe State Ministry of Health	FMC Nguru	Adama wa State Ministry of Health	FM C Yola	Borno State Ministry of Health	UMT H Borno
1	Gown	Piece	600	800	600	800	600	800	600	800	600	800	600	800
2	Coverall PPE	Piece	250	200	250	200	250	200	250	200	250	200	250	200
3	Face Mask	Piece	3500	4000	3500	4000	3500	4000	3500	4000	3500	4000	3500	4000
4	N95/KN95 Face Masks	Piece	800	600	800	600	800	600	800	600	800	600	800	600

5	Face Shield	Piece	350	300	350	300	350	300	350	300	350	300	350	300
6	Goggles	Piece	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
7	Digital Thermometer	Piece	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0
8	Sharps Container (Plastic)	Piece	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
9	Shoe Cover	Pair	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200
10	Scrubs set (Reusable)	Piece	750	1500	750	1500	750	1500	750	1500	750	1500	750	1500
11	Washing Liquid	Piece	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
12	Disposable Gloves	Pack	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
13	Waste Bins	Piece	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
14	Dexamethasone Tab	Cartons	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
15	Rock Jogger Boots	Pair	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10
16	Dettol Soap	Piece	72	144	72	144	72	144	72	144	72	144	72	144
17	Powdered gloves (msh)	Piece	600	400	600	400	600	400	600	400	600	400	600	400
18	Colour coded waste bin with pedal 60 litres (msh)	Piece	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

No	ITEM	UNIT	Enugu State Ministry of Health	UNTH	Anambra State Ministry of Health	NAUTH	Imo State Ministry of Health	FMC Owerri	Osun State Ministry of Health	OAUTH	Ondo State Ministry of Health	FMC Owo
1	Gown	Piece	600	800	600	800	600	800	600	800	600	800
2	Coverall PPE	Piece	250	200	250	200	250	200	250	200	250	200

3	Face Mask	Piece	3500	4000	3500	4000	3500	4000	3500	4000	3500	4000
4	N95/KN95 Face Masks	Piece	800	600	800	600	800	600	800	600	800	600
5	Face Shield	Piece	350	300	350	300	350	300	350	300	350	300
6	Goggles	Piece	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
7	Digital Thermometer	Piece	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0
8	Sharps Container (Plastic)	Piece	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
9	Shoe Cover	Pair	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200
10	Scrubs set (Reusable)	Piece	750	1500	750	1500	750	1500	750	1500	750	1500
11	Washing Liquid	Piece	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
12	Disposable Gloves	Pack	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
13	Waste Bins	Piece	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
14	Dexamethasone Tab	Cartons	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
15	Rock Jogger Boots	Pair	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10
16	Dettol Soap	Piece	72	144	72	144	72	144	72	144	72	144
17	Powdered gloves (msh)	Piece	600	400	600	400	600	400	600	400	600	400
18	Colour coded waste bin with pedal 60 litres (msh)	Piece	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

No.	ITEM	UNIT	Ekiti State Ministry of Health	FMC Ido-Ekiti	Delta State Ministry of Health	FMC Asaba	Akwa-Ibom State Ministry of Health	UUTH	Cross-Rivers State Ministry of Health	UCTH	Rivers State Ministry of Health	UPTH
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1	Gown	Piece	600	800	600	800	600	800	600	800	600	800
2	Coverall PPE	Piece	250	200	250	200	250	200	250	200	250	200
3	Face Mask	Piece	3500	4000	3500	4000	3500	4000	3500	4000	3500	4000
4	N95/KN95 Face Masks	Piece	800	600	800	600	800	600	800	600	800	600
5	Face Shield	Piece	350	300	350	300	350	300	350	300	350	300
6	Goggles	Piece	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
7	Digital Thermometer	Piece	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0
8	Sharps Container (Plastic)	Piece	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
9	Shoe Cover	Pair	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200	100	200
10	Scrubs set (Reusable)	Piece	750	1500	750	1500	750	1500	750	1500	750	1500
11	Washing Liquid	Piece	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
12	Disposable Gloves	Pack	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
13	Waste Bins	Piece	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
14	Dexamethasone Tab	Cartons	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
15	Rock Jogger Boots	Pair	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10	0	10
16	Dettol Soap	Piece	72	144	72	144	72	144	72	144	72	144
17	Powdered gloves (msh)	Piece	600	400	600	400	600	400	600	400	600	400
18	Colour coded waste bin with pedal 60 litres (msh)	Piece	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

No.	ITEM	UNIT	Bayelsa State Ministry of Health	FMC Yenagoa	Edo State Ministry of Health	Irrua Specialist Hospital	UBTH
1	Gown	Piece	600	800	600	800	800
2	Coverall PPE	Piece	250	200	250	200	200

3	Face Mask	Piece	3500	4000	3500	4000	4000
4	N95/KN95 Face Masks	Piece	800	600	800	600	600
5	Face Shield	Piece	350	300	350	300	300
6	Goggles	Piece	300	300	300	300	300
7	Digital Thermometer	Piece	50	0	50	0	0
8	Sharps Container (Plastic)	Piece	25	25	25	25	25
9	Shoe Cover	Pair	100	200	100	200	200
10	Scrubs set (Reusable)	Piece	750	1500	750	1500	1500
11	Washing Liquid	Piece	12	12	12	12	12
12	Disposable Gloves	Pack	1	0	1	0	0
13	Waste Bins	Piece	1	0	1	0	0
14	Dexamethasone Tab	Cartons	0	2	0	2	2
15	Rock Jogger Boots	Pair	0	10	0	10	10
16	Dettol Soap	Piece	72	144	72	144	144
17	Powdered gloves (msh)	Piece	600	400	600	400	400
18	Colour coded waste bin with pedal 60 litres (msh)	Piece	15	15	15	15	15

IN FOCUS: A Global View: New Variants, Upsurge in Cases and International Travel

As national COVID-19 response activities continue, NCDC with support from partners, continues to monitor the global epidemiological situation. In the last six weeks, there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases in several countries, accompanied with an increasing detection of variants of concern.

In last week's COVID-19 weekly epidemiological update published by WHO (18th May, 2021), the highest number of COVID-19 cases were reported from Brazil in the Region of the Americas (423,438 cases), Turkey in the European region (166,733 cases), and India in the South-East Asia region (2,738,957 cases). Additionally, there is an increase in the number of cases with variants of concern reported from these countries.

To minimise the risk of a surge in the number of COVID-19 cases in Nigeria, the Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 announced a restriction on entry into Nigeria for travellers coming from these three countries. Any person who has visited Brazil, India or Turkey within 14 days preceding travel to Nigeria shall be denied entry into Nigeria. See full statement [here](#).

While the restriction of travel is important to reduce the risk of a surge in COVID-19 cases, it must be accompanied by adherence to public health and social measures in Nigeria.

New variants of the coronavirus continue to emerge. A few have caused concern globally because they are contagious and spread fast. The measures to protect yourself from getting infected with a variant of concern are similar to the measures to prevent infection from the original strain of the virus. Important measures to take include:

1. It is safer to meet outdoors than indoors, with people outside your household. You are most likely to contract the virus if you spend time in an enclosed space breathing the air of an infected person
2. Wear a mask when in public settings such as taxis, religious centres, markets, workplace etc.
3. Avoid crowds, and keep a distance of at least two metres from the next person
4. Wash your hands often with soap and running water and avoid touching your face. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser if water is not immediately available
5. If you feel ill and have symptoms such as fever, sudden loss of sense of taste or smell or a new continuous cough, please avoid contact with people immediately. Visit an accredited health facility for sample collection and testing

The Presidential Steering Committee has also approved an [updated travel guideline](#) for travelers to Nigeria from other countries. These measures are extremely important to ensure prompt detection of cases and early initiation of response activities. We appeal to all travelers to Nigeria to adhere to these guidelines and avoid all non-essential travel.

Finally, the Government of Nigeria continues to ensure the continuity of COVID-19 response activities including vaccination, timely laboratory testing, risk communications among others. We appeal to Nigerians to take responsibility by adhering to the measures in place, as we work towards controlling the acute phase of the COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria.

RESPONSE

On 28th February 2020, a multi-sectoral Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was activated at Level 3 which is the highest emergency level in Nigeria. This is led by NCDC in close coordination with the State Public Health EOCs (PHEOC) and through the deployment of **53** Rapid Response Teams (RRT) to states. Currently, response activities include:

- **Commence the implementation and tracking of the updated national Incident Action Plan (IAP)**
- **Continued tracking and collation of data from states for strategic coordination**
- **Sensitised schools, hospitals, patients and relations and religious bodies on hand hygiene**
- **Conducted media appearances and interviews on hand hygiene Optimised and activated the University of Ilorin Molecular Laboratory and University of Ilorin**
- **Teaching Hospital Molecular Laboratories as public COVID-19 testing labs in Kwara state**
- **Optimised the FCT Molecular Laboratory in Kubwa for COVID-19 testing**
- **Ongoing monthly distribution of IPC commodities across treatment centres and State Ministry of Health in the South-East, South-West, and North Central zones**
- **Ongoing distribution and logistics planning with UNICEF to support the primary health care facilities across the country with IPC supplies**
- **Supported NYSC with Ag-RDT Testing kits, sample collection consumables and other IPC materials for the 2021 Batch A stream II orientation exercise**
- **Conducted advocacy to FCT Local Council areas and media stations on the forthcoming seroprevalence survey**
- **Conducted monthly meeting with State Health Promotion Officers: Discussed plans for preventing surge in cases**
- **Supported Africa Check to train media network on factchecking and misinformation management**
- **Developed campaign plan given high risk of an increase in cases**
- **Established mechanisms and an intervention plan for antigen rapid diagnostic test kit (Ag-RDT) scale up throughout the country**
- **Completed State Incident Action Plan (IAP) supervisory visits to 35 States and FCT**
- **Continued intensivist training in conjunction with WHO & Anesthetic Association of Nigeria.**
- **Meeting held on WHO Oxygen support to the country**
- **Continued follow up with states for daily reporting, contact tracing and key challenges**
- **Identified and shared prioritised IAP activities with EOC**
- **Supported the training of hotel staff and hygienists in hotels to be used as quarantine centres in Lagos as approved by the Presidential Steering Committee (PSC)**
- **Conducted advocacy visit to the management of Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Jabi, FCT in commemoration of Hand Hygiene Day**
- **Conducted SWOT analysis of health facilities across the Federal Capital Territory (FCT)**

- Supported monitoring and supervision of IPC and vaccination activities in health facilities
- Conducted monitoring and supervision of IPC activities in health facilities in Plateau State
- Conducted sensitisation lectures on IPC in schools and places of worship in Jigawa and Kwara States
- Optimised and activated Life-bridge and Biosensors Medical Diagnostics as a fee-paying COVID-19 testing laboratory in FCT
- Ongoing deployment of Lumira DX Test Kits and equipment to Imo, Ebonyi, Kaduna, Oyo and Enugu
- Activated Umaru Shehu Ultramodern Hospital PCR Laboratory, Borno State as a public laboratory for COVID-19 testing
- Ongoing genomic sequencing of all positive samples from travellers arriving in Nigeria
- Deployed PPE and consumables to laboratory network in Kaduna, Kwara, Akwa Ibom, Gombe and Jigawa States
- Worked with religious leaders in developing and disseminating messages for Eid
- Conducted meeting with national stakeholders including Health Educators
- Supported the deployment of Ag-RDTs in Internally Displaced Persons' (IDPs) Camp in Abuja
- Ongoing media appearances on radio and television
- Intensified tracking of stakeholders' activities at state and national level to monitor progress of implementation and provide feedback

PREPAREDNESS

Since the confirmation of the first case on 27th February 2020, the NCDC has released advisories and statements to help Nigerians and affected groups in particular to respond to the pandemic

- NCDC published [One year of COVID-19 response in Nigeria](#)
- NCDC and NIMR publish [findings of COVID-19 household seroprevalence surveys in four states of Nigeria](#)
- NCDC published a [Statement on variants of SARS-CoV-2 in Nigeria](#)
- The Federal Ministry of Education (FME) and partners, PTF and NCDC have developed: [Guidance for integrated safe school re-opening 26th January 2021](#)
- COVID-19 Health Protection Regulation signed by President Muhammadu Buhari on 26th January 2021: [Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Health Protection Regulations 2021](#)
- NCDC published an updated [community case definitions for coronavirus disease 2019](#)
- The Federal Ministry of Health and NCDC published [COVID-19 Patient's handbook for home-based care in Nigeria](#)
- NCDC published an updated [case definitions for coronavirus disease](#)
- NCDC published [Guidance for the use of approved COVID-19 antigen-based rapid diagnostic tests in Nigeria](#)
- Update of [travel protocols](#) for all travellers into Nigeria from [UK and South Africa](#)
- NCDC recently launched the [Celebrate Responsibly](#) campaign in response to the increase in cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and poor adherence to public

health and social measures across the country: [Celebrate Responsibly and Save Lives – New Awareness Campaign for the Yuletide Season](#)

- Ahead of the Christmas and end of year festivity, NCDC published the [End-of-Year Travel Advisory on COVID-19](#)
- NCDC recently launched the [COVID-19 blog](#) for telling the stories of Nigeria's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- NCDC published guidelines on 2020 National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Orientation Camp activities in conjunction with PTF and NYSC: [Guidelines on 2020 National Youth Service Corps \(NYSC\) Orientation Camp activities](#)
- NCDC published guidance on the use of antigen RDTs: [Guidance on the use of Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Kits for diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection in Nigeria](#)
- NCDC published guidance on safe school re-opening: [Public Health guidance for Safe School re-opening in Nigeria](#)
- NCDC published second interim guidance – Infection Prevention and Control: [Recommendations during health care provision for suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19](#)
- NCDC recently published the first edition of a quick reference guide on setting up sample collection centre - [A step by step guide on setting up a sample collection centre](#)
- NCDC has launched an online course on [Infection, Prevention and Control \(IPC\) for COVID-19](#) NCDC eLearning platform
- Ahead of forthcoming elections in the country, NCDC has issued [Guidelines for Conducting Elections During the COVID-19 Outbreak in Nigeria](#).
- To protect our elders, and those with pre-existing medical conditions, NCDC has issued an [Advisory for Vulnerable Groups](#).
- NCDC has released [guidelines on the re-opening of places for worship](#).
- NCDC has released [Strategies to Improve Surveillance for COVID-19 Guidance for States](#)
- The Nigeria Police Force has released COVID-19 operational guidelines for the [Police and other Law Enforcement Agencies in Nigeria](#)
- Guidelines have been issued for the [safe transportation of remains of persons suspected or confirmed to have died of COVID-19](#)
- Information on diagnostics of the COVID-19 virus can be found in our [detailed FAQ document](#).
- To increase our testing capacity, NCDC has issued guidelines for the [integration of private labs](#).
- Guidelines for [businesses and employers](#) have been updated.
- NCDC has updated its [case definition](#) , [community case definition](#) and [case management guide](#).
- NCDC releases periodic [public health advisories](#) to Nigerians on the COVID-19 disease.
- To adhere to post-lockdown measures, NCDC has released an [advisory on the use of face masks](#), as well as information on the [Use of Cloth face masks](#) and [how to make your cloth face masks](#).
- NCDC has released guidelines for the [management of pregnant women and nursing mothers](#) during the pandemic.
- To address burials of loved ones who die from COVID-19, guidelines have been issued to advise on the [management of dead bodies](#).
- For health centres managing cases, the following documents have been released- a guideline for the [Rational Use of Personal Protective Equipment in the care of COVID-19 cases](#).

- As part of plans to increase the testing capacity of the country, the NCDC published a [*National Strategy to Scale Up Access to Coronavirus Disease Testing in Nigeria*](#) document.
- The Presidential Task Force has published policies and announcements on COVID-19 [*available on the website of the Presidency*](#) – including presidential addresses, task force updates and information on livelihood and economic support.

INFORMATION RESOURCES

- Nigeria Centre for Disease Control: www.covid19.ncdc.gov.ng | www.ncdc.gov.ng
- Nigerian Presidency Website on COVID-19: www.statehouse.gov.ng/COVID19
WHO Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Dashboard (**source for global updates**)
<https://covid19.who.int/>