



COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORT 59

Epi Week 47: 22nd – 28th November 2021

DATA AS REPORTED AND ACCURATE BY NCDC AS AT MIDNIGHT 28TH NOVEMBER 2021

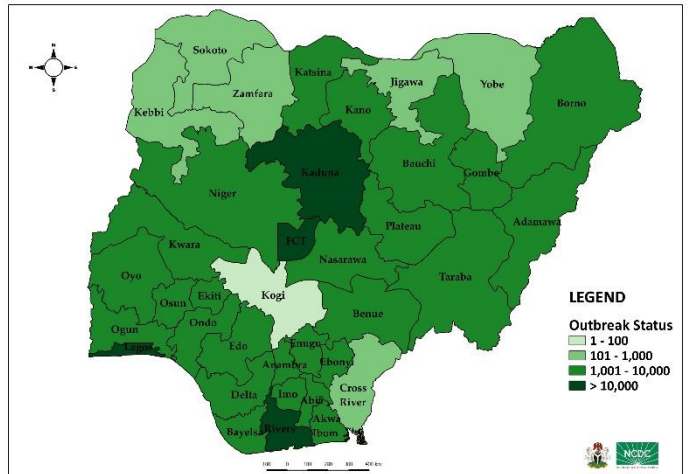
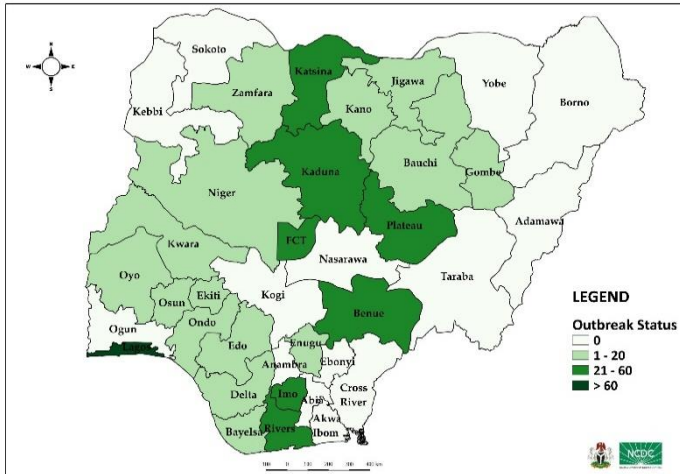


Fig 1. Distribution of cases (Epi Week 47 only)

Fig 2. Distribution of cumulative cases

HIGHLIGHTS

- In Week 47, the number of samples tested increased to **103,358** from **38,724** reported in week 46. These were reported in **36** states and FCT (Tables 1).
- In Week 47, the number of new confirmed cases increased to **503** from **442** but with a reduction in the proportion to **(0.5%)** from **(1.1%)** reported in week 46. These were reported in **22** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 2). This includes backlogs from week 46 reported from Benue state (26)
- In Week 47, the number of discharged cases decreased to **736** from **786** in week 46.
- There were **2** deaths reported in the last one week (Tables 1 & 4).
- Cumulatively, since the outbreak began in Week **9**, 2020 there have been **214,092** cases and **2,976** deaths reported with a case fatality rate (CFR) of **1.4%** (Tables 1 & 4).
- In Week 47, the number of in-bound international travellers tested was **7,587** of which **67** (0.9%) were positive compared to **17** (**0.3%**) (out of **5,394** tested) in week 46.
- In Week 47, the number of out-bound international travellers tested was **7,694** of which **92** (**1.2%**) were positive compared to **30** (**0.5%**) (out of **6,159** tested) in week 46.
- Worldwide, there has been **260,867,011** confirmed COVID-19 cases with **5,200,267** deaths resulting in a case fatality rate of **2.0%**.

GENERAL FACT SHEET – DATA AS AT 28TH NOVEMBER 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	2,030	0	1,990	0	31	0	9	37,748	2,065
Adamawa	1,157	0	1,098	0	32	0	27	29,724	1,607
Akwa Ibom	4,348	0	4,076	0	44	0	228	46,007	2,098
Anambra	2,405	0	2,386	0	19	0	0	49,787	2,546
Bauchi	1,802	19	1,736	35	23	0	43	35,826	88
Bayelsa	1,250	2	1,208	0	28	0	14	34,322	1,760
Benue ^a	1,907	44	1,512	57	25	0	370	45,909	2,380
Borno	1,356	0	1,317	0	38	0	1	24,184	2
Cross River	662	0	622	0	25	0	15	18,025	2,006
Delta	4,149	4	2,556	0	110	0	1,483	72,468	3,019
Ebonyi	2,062	0	2,004	0	32	0	26	36,732	1,627
Edo	6,601	2	6,319	1	280	0	2	106,474	2,608
Ekiti	1,780	2	1,740	1	28	0	12	48,504	1,891
Enugu	2,790	2	2,756	9	29	0	5	60,107	1,890
FCT	23,497	38	23,197	448	224	0	76	482,750	9,008
Gombe	2,728	6	2,653	13	58	0	17	91,996	1,022
Imo	2,201	27	1,964	8	41	0	196	70,677	1,930
Jigawa	617	6	590	0	17	0	10	22,993	1,895
Kaduna	10,173	21	10,021	11	81	0	71	164,276	2,294
Kano	4,429	18	4,264	31	121	1	44	137,491	2,632
Katsina	2,356	38	2,210	0	37	0	109	61,540	2,980
Kebbi	470	0	454	0	16	0	0	24,565	1,296
Kogi	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	11,759	1,602
Kwara	4,001	2	3,700	0	64	0	237	44,788	2,159
Lagos ^b	78,163	155	76,920	1	753	0	490	939,598	20,879
Nasarawa	2,517	0	2,345	0	39	0	133	36,258	2,027
Niger ^c	1,063	6	998	0	20	0	45	28,030	1,720
Ogun	5,375	0	5,295	1	80	0	0	106,762	3,143
Ondo	4,591	11	4,475	0	98	0	18	44,476	1,323
Osun	3,029	2	2,916	10	86	0	27	34,115	2,633
Oyo	8,782	15	8,574	14	191	0	17	104,885	3,062

STATE	CONFIRMED		RECOVERIES		DEATHS		ACTIVE CASES	TESTING	
	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week		Total	Last Week
Plateau	9,941	25	9,804	0	72	1	65	85,856	2,556
Rivers	12,911	57	12,704	64	154	0	53	365,253	10,964
Sokoto	810	0	782	3	28	0	0	34,299	1,654
Taraba	1,269	0	1,222	0	32	0	15	18,903	3
Yobe	502	0	490	0	9	0	3	31,387	450
Zamfara	363	1	353	29	9	0	1	18,190	539
Total	214,092	503	207,254	736	2,976	2	3,862	3,606,664	103,358

- NB –
- ^a 44 Confirmed cases reported for Benue state include 28 backlogs from week 46
 - ^b 155 Confirmed cases reported for Lagos state include 15 backlogs from week 46
 - ^c 2 Confirmed cases reported for Niger state are backlogs from week 46

Test type disaggregation (last one week)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	36,419	35.2%
RDT	66,939	64.8%
TOTAL	103,358	

Test type disaggregation (cumulative)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	2,928,122	81.2%
RDT	678,542	18.8%
TOTAL	3,606,664	

PASSENGERS TESTS

Laboratories and COVID-19 tests for returning Persons of Interest

LABORATORY	INBOUND
54Gene Abuja	994
Medbury	597
Zaine Lab	590
DNA labs Abuja	508
Afriglobal	507
Synlab	363
54Gene Lagos	360
Cedarcrest Abuja	349
Medbury Medical Services	274
Life Center	268
Clinix Healthcare	219
Clina-Lancet Laboratories	207
ACOUNS	204
Arrive Alive	203
BIOLOGIX	163
Me Cure	159
Edo Specialist Hospital	150
E-clinic & Diagnostics	145
Vcare	128
Lily Lab	112
Everight Diagnostics (Abuja)	104
Funbell	94
Capitol Hill Molecular Lab	89
Ibom Molecular Laboratory	88
Clina-Lancet Laboratories Abuja	81
Harley And Rainbow	79
Demyhealth	68
Zankli Medical Centre(The Lovett Lawson Molecular Lab)	56
Genequest	47
Landmark Medical Diagnostics	46

Laboratories without reports on number of samples tested this week.

AKTH (Kano)	YDMH Genexpert (Kaduna)
UNIOSUN (Osun)	GH Takum (Taraba)
OOUTH (Ogun)	Kaduna Mobile Truck GX (Kaduna)
IFAIN (Kano)	GH Saminaka (Kaduna)
SSH (Kogi)	O2 (Lagos)
IFAIN (Kano)	FMC Bida (Niger)
PLASVREC (Plateau)	NVRI (Plateau)
BUK (Kano)	ABU, (Kaduna)
FMC Yola, (Adamawa)	JUTH (Plateau)
Everight (Imo)	MOGID, (Bauchi)
ZANKLI GX lab, (Nasarawa)	YDMSH, (Kaduna)
YSSH, (Yobe)	FMC Birnin Kebbi, (Kebbi)
UCTH (Cross River)	PHL (Ondo)
UPH (Rivers)	UNTH (Enugu)
MDL (Akwa Ibom)	FTH (Gombe)
FMC Owo (Ondo)	BML (Bayelsa)
USUMH (Borno)	UMTH (Borno)
PLASVIREC (Plateau)	Warri Lab (Delta)
GH Kagarko (Kaduna)	Delta Mobile Lab (Delta)
FMC (Owerri)	FMC (Katsina)
UBTH (Edo)	AE-FETHA (Ebonyi)
DLHMH (Cross River)	FMC Makurdi (Benue)
FMCG (Zamfara)	FMCJ (Taraba)
Sobi IDH (Kwara)	USUMH (Borno)

IFAIN	42
54Gene Ogun	40
Evercare	38
Nizamiye FCT	37
Westend Hospital Molecular Laboratory	35
Arab Labs	26
Total	25
Lifebridge	19
CoolSpring	18
LASUCOM	12
Medilag	12
Grandville	9
The Specialist Lab	8
Union Diagnostics	8
Dexmian medical laboratory	3
WellMed	3
Grand Total	7,587

Laboratories and COVID-19 tests for outbound Persons of Interest

LABORATORY	OUTBOUND
Life Center	775
Zaine Lab	770
Medbury	709
54Gene Lagos	527
DNA labs Abuja	485
E-clinic & Diagnostics	457
54Gene Abuja	387
DemyHealth	359
Cedarcrest Abuja	329
Clinix Healthcare	286
Medbury Medical Services	268
Arrive Alive	255
ACOUNS	177

Edo Specialist Hospital	173
Genequest	165
Everight Diagnostics (Abuja)	152
Clina-Lancet Laboratories Abuja	144
54gene Ogun	135
BIOLOGIX	135
Lily Lab	120
Harley And Rainbow	112
Me Cure	86
Ibom Molecular Laboratory	82
54gene Kano	54
Vcare	50
Coolspring	48
Lifebridge	46
Evercare	45
Funbell	36
Camret	31
Zankli Medical Centre(The Lovett Lawson Molecular Lab)	31
Afriglobal	30
Capitol Hill Molecular Lab	29
Westend Hospital Molecular Laboratory	28
Landmark Medical Diagnostics	28
The Specialist Lab	25
Arab Labs	22
Nizamiye	21
IML	19
Medilag	19
Grandville	17
IFAIN	10
LASUCOM	10
Dexmian medical laboratory	6
WellMed	1
Grand Total	7,694

DAILY CONFIRMED CASES – DATA AS AT 28TH NOVEMBER 2021

Table 2: States with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases daily over the last week

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 47	22 nd November	23 rd November	24 th November	25 th November	26 th November	27 th November	28 th November
	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	19	1	6	3	4	4	1	0
Bayelsa	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Benue ^a	44	0	0	44	0	0	0	0
Borno	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross River	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delta	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Ekiti	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Enugu	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
FCT	38	3	10	5	12	2	0	6
Gombe	6	3	1	1	0	0	0	1
Imo	27	0	0	0	0	27	0	0
Jigawa	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	21	0	1	0	11	0	9	0
Kano	18	4	1	3	4	4	2	0
Katsina	38	0	0	12	0	0	26	0
Kebbi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Lagos ^b	155	21	31	30	20	17	9	27
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger ^c	6	2	0	0	0	4	0	0

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 47	22 nd November	23 rd November	24 th November	25 th November	26 th November	27 th November	28 th November
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Ogun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ondo	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Osun	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Oyo	15	0	0	0	9	0	0	6
Plateau	25	1	8	1	1	10	1	3
Rivers	57	1	20	2	1	4	9	20
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	503	36	85	108	65	72	59	78

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DAILY RECOVERIES – DATA AS AT 28TH NOVEMBER 2021

Table 3: States with reported case management confirmed COVID-19 recoveries daily over the last week.

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 47	22 nd November	23 rd November	24 th November	25 th November	26 th November	27 th November	28 th November
	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	35	2	0	33	0	0	0	0
Bayelsa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benue	57	0	0	57	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	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ekiti	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Enugu	9	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
FCT ^a	448	240	48	58	50	0	52	0
Gombe	13	0	6	0	0	0	0	7
Imo	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	11	0	6	0	2	0	3	0
Kano	31	14	0	0	0	13	0	4
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	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ogun	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ondo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 47	22 nd November	23 rd November	24 th November	25 th November	26 th November	27 th November	28 th November
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Oyo	14	0	0	0	12	0	0	2
Plateau	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rivers	64	4	7	14	12	7	10	10
Sokoto	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Taraba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zamfara	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Total	736	260	67	172	77	28	65	67

DAILY FATALITIES – DATA AS AT 28TH NOVEMBER 2021

Table 4: States with reported COVID-19 fatalities daily over the last week

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 47	22 nd November	23 rd November	24 th November	25 th November	26 th November	27 th November	28 th November
	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 ^a	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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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
Ogun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ondo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 47	22 nd November	23 rd November	24 th November	25 th November	26 th November	27 th November	28 th November
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plateau	1	0	0	0	1	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	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

DAILY EPICURVE

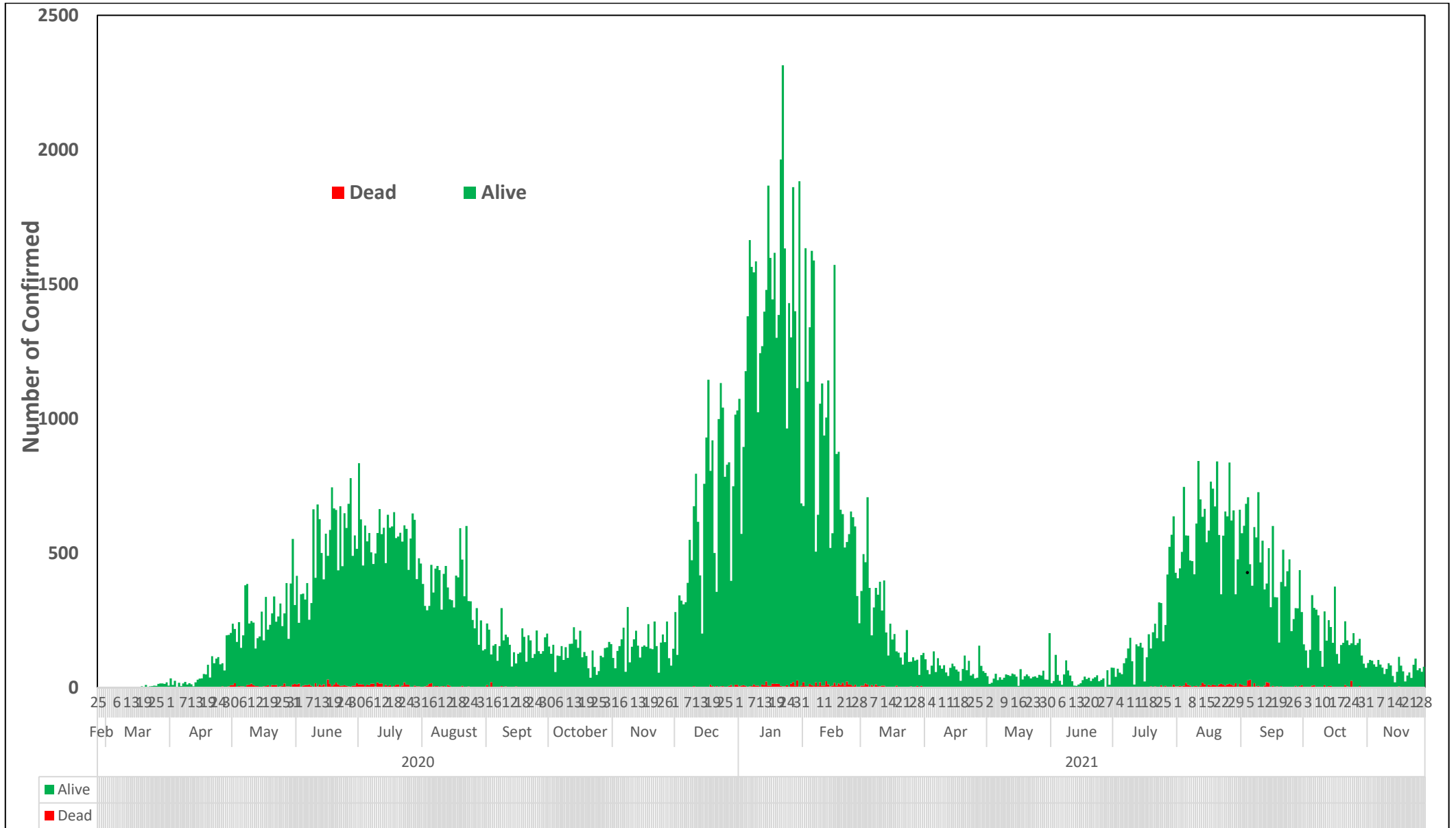


Figure 3: Daily epidemic curve of confirmed cases as reported per day as of 28th November 2021

AGE-GENDER BREAKDOWN

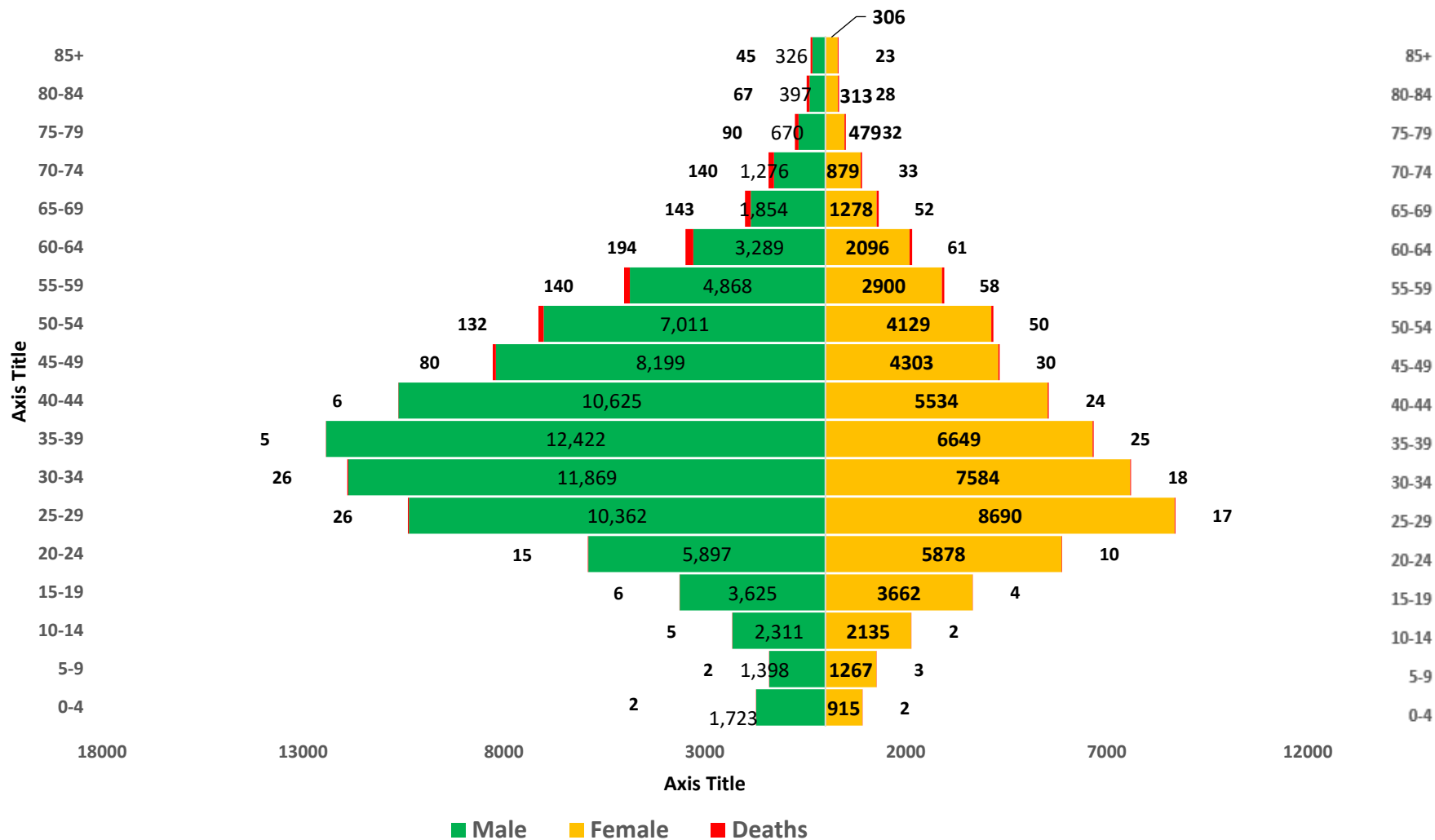


Figure 4: Chart with age and gender breakdown of cases and deaths (WK10, 2020 – WK47, 2021)

IN FOCUS: Responding to the New SARS-CoV-2 Variant in Nigeria, Omicron

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) has continued to lead the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic and monitor the global epidemiological situation including the emergence and spread of new SARS-CoV-2 variant, Omicron. All viruses naturally mutate and at times, these mutations confer changes such as increased transmissibility; increased disease severity and the ability to evade immunity or evade detection by existing diagnostic tests. Given preliminary evidence that the new Omicron variant has potential to increase the risk of reinfection and increased transmissibility, it has been classified as a Variant of Concern (VOC) by the World Health Organization (WHO).

This new COVID-19 variant is of the B.1.1.529 lineage and cases have been reported in Austria, Australia, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, South Africa, South Korea, UK, USA, here in Nigeria and other countries. Nigeria reported her first cases in individuals with travel history from South Africa [see here](#). Given the high number of mutations present in this Omicron variant and the exponential rise in COVID-19 cases observed in South Africa, this virus is considered highly transmissible and ongoing investigations are looking into whether it has an increased risk of reinfection compared to other variants of concern.

The NCDC, through the National Reference Laboratory (NRL) continues to coordinate genomic surveillance and other activities required for the detection of variants. Alongside partners, we are working to gather intelligence on the Omicron variant to inform Nigeria's COVID-19 response while research is ongoing to understand the likely impact of this variant, its transmissibility, severity, and the effectiveness of existing diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines.

It is critical that we all continue to take responsibility for our health and that of others. We advise Nigerians to avoid all non-essential travel and if you must travel, please adhere to travel protocols instituted by the Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 which are in place to protect the health of Nigerians. Importantly, we must all continue to observe public health and social measures even after vaccination against COVID-19. These include physical distancing, wearing a face mask in public places, and frequent handwashing with soap under running water and/or use of alcohol-based sanitiser.

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 **59** Rapid Response Teams (RRT) to states. Currently, response activities include:

- Concluded COVID-19 workshop for Inter-Action Review (IAR) Improvement Plan Matrix, Incident Action Plan (IAP) Review and Sustainability Plan Development
- Concluded RDT step-down training in Abia, Nasarawa and Enugu States for increased testing
- Continued engagement with states to ensure regular reporting and response continuity
- Continued roll out of antigen based rapid diagnostic test (Ag-RDT) kits in collaboration with partners
- Continued tracking and collation of data from states for strategic coordination
- Approval granted by the National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC) to conduct Understanding COVID-19 in Nigeria: a qualitative exploration of community members' and health professionals' perspectives
- Ongoing study on the relevance and correlates of positive COVID-19 status among passengers of interest in the International Airports in Nigeria

- Ongoing COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness study in collaboration with National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) and the World Health Organisation (WHO)
- Ongoing data collection on COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy study
- Continued collation of reports on COVID-19 clinical management study
- Ongoing study on knowledge and compliance of health care workers to infection prevention and control (IPC) measures in the control of COVID-19 infection
- Conducted case management training on Home Base Isolation Care in South-South and South-Eastern Zones
- Ongoing research on drivers of mortality prognostic factors and other health sector challenges associated with COVID-19 deaths in treatment centres in Abia, Delta, Edo, Kaduna, Kano, Lagos, Niger, Ogun, Oyo, Plateau, Rivers, and Yobe States and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT)
- Ongoing training of Port Health Services (PHS) staff on handling of VIPs, diplomats, cranks etc with support from WHO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and Public Health Institute (PHI) in all international airports.
- Continued follow up with states for daily reporting, contact tracing and key challenges
- Ongoing enhanced surveillance at points of entry
- Conducted training of Health workers under the Military health services
- Conducted review of screening and quarantine strategy for COVID-19
- Ongoing support to the Home-based isolation care training for the South-West and North-West Zones
- Ongoing support for the implementation of Hand Hygiene practices and mentoring in Edo, Ebonyi, Ondo states and the FCT Secondary Health facilities
- Conducted review of hospital acquired infection (HAI) investigation form with a view to target healthcare workers directly and to apply HAI tool for feedback and further information
- Ongoing assessment of 30 health facilities in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and Nasarawa State for IPC implementation in collaboration with Institute of Human Virology Nigeria (IHVN)
- Ongoing testing of South African delegates to Nigeria
- Conducted SARS CoV-2 Reference Standard Review in collaboration with WHO & African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM).
- Conducted Phase 2 Training of Trainers (ToT) of the Ministry of Defense Health Implementation Program
- Completed the production and distribution of NCDC SARS-CoV-2 External Quality Assessment panels to 35 laboratories across Nigeria
- Concluded the online orientation of Enugu State frontline laboratory personnel on supervision and monitoring of Ag RDTs for COVID-19 diagnosis
- Ongoing sequencing of positive samples among travellers to Nigeria and positive cases detected in-country, at the National Reference Laboratory (NRL), Gaduwa
- Concluded Medical Counter Measure (MCM) forecasting and quantification workshop for all outbreaks including COVID-19 in collaboration with WHO to identify and estimate the health products and consumables needed for investigation, prevention and response to public health emergencies and events for the year 2022
- Ongoing quarterly commodity monitoring and stock verification exercise to reconcile data across states, check available stock balance and utilisation records
- Ongoing prepositioning of PPE and commodities at the sub-national level for labs, treatment centres, sample collection centres and other relevant facilities as preparedness for surge in cases

- Developed a draft public health advisory following detection of a new variant of COVID-19 – Omicron
- Participated in the 2-day orientation and planning meeting with State Health Educators on covid-19 mass vaccination campaign
- Held COVID-19 Risk Communication & Community Engagement (RCCE) pillar meeting to discuss approaches on scaling up risk communication activities
- Held meeting with Breakthrough Action Nigeria (BAN) to discuss plans and campaign for the yuletide season
- Continued support to National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) in COVID-19 vaccination campaign
- Ongoing media appearances on radio and television

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 to respond to the pandemic:

- NCDC issued a press release on the *detection of the [first confirmed cases of omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 in Nigeria](#)*
- NCDC revised and updated the [Nigeria International Travel Portal \(NITP\)](#)
- Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 released a press statement on [Revised International Travel Protocol into Nigeria](#)
- NCDC published [COVID-19 safety guidelines for Conferences and Events in Nigeria](#)
- NCDC issued a press release on the *detection of the [first confirmed case of delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 in Nigeria](#)*
- Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 reviewed and published [Travel advisory for passengers arriving Nigeria from Brazil, India and Turkey to include South Africa](#)
- Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 published [Travel advisory for passengers arriving Nigeria from Brazil, India and Turkey](#)
- Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 published [Implementation guidelines for phased restriction of movement](#)
- 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/>