



COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORT 54

Epi Week 42: 17th – 24th October 2021

DATA AS REPORTED AND ACCURATE BY NCDC AS AT MIDNIGHT 24TH OCTOBER 2021

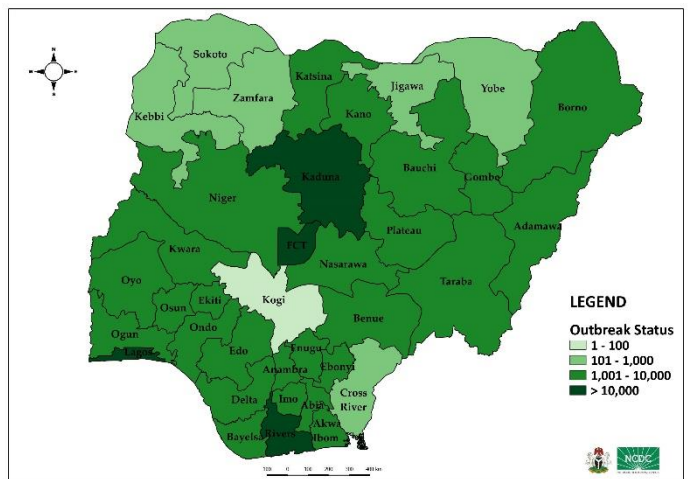
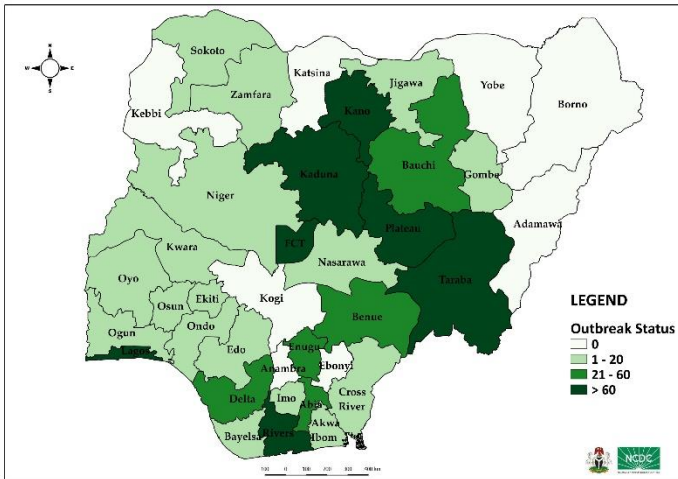


Fig 1. Distribution of cases (Epi Week 42 only)

Fig 2. Distribution of cumulative cases

HIGHLIGHTS

- In Week 42, the number of new confirmed cases decreased to **1,162** from **1,604** reported in week 41. These were reported in **28** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 2).
- In Week 42, the number of discharged cases increased to **5,236** from **1,869** in week 41. These were reported in **18** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 3). This includes community discharges reported from Edo and Lagos States.
- There were **45** deaths reported in the last one week (Tables 1 & 4).
- Cumulatively, since the outbreak began in Week 9, 2020 there have been **210,460** cases and **2,882** deaths reported with a case fatality rate (CFR) of **1.4%** (Tables 1 & 4).
- In Week 42, the number of in-bound international travellers tested was **2,894** of which **25** were positive compared to **34** (out of **3,673** tested) in week 41.
- In Week 42, the number of out-bound international travellers tested was **4,541** of which **65** were positive compared to **77** (out of **5,923** tested) in week 41.
- Worldwide, there has been **243,857,028** confirmed COVID-19 cases with **4,953,246** deaths resulting in a case fatality rate of **2.0%**.

GENERAL FACT SHEET – DATA AS AT 24TH OCTOBER 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	2,013	22	1,946	22	30	1	37	34,659	1,710
Adamawa	1,157	0	1,098	0	32	0	27	27,789	1,292
Akwa Ibom	4,348	2	4,076	90	44	0	228	42,626	1,819
Anambra	2,369	0	2,333	0	19	0	17	43,083	1,919
Bauchi	1,677	37	1,609	13	18	0	50	33,642	1,491
Bayelsa	1,232	5	1,188	0	28	0	16	29,021	1,693
Benue	1,785	36	1,455	0	25	0	305	42,826	2,076
Borno	1,356	0	1,306	0	38	0	12	23,491	218
Cross River	625	20	589	24	25	0	11	15,713	1,396
Delta	3,588	26	2,556	0	110	0	922	65,306	2,986
Ebonyi	2,059	0	2,003	0	32	0	24	34,838	1,245
Edo	6,568	6	6,164	5	224	0	180	97,403	2,136
Ekiti	1,762	7	1,704	12	28	0	30	43,886	2,395
Enugu	2,726	44	2,589	0	29	0	108	56,165	1,832
FCT	23,117	233	20,901	32	217	9	1,999	441,759	9,045
Gombe	2,566	14	2,501	72	57	3	8	85,660	2,390
Imo	2,037	19	1,888	4	41	0	108	65,312	3,368
Jigawa	598	2	571	0	17	1	10	19,822	1,696
Kaduna	10,009	108	9,818	95	78	0	113	158,010	2,365
Kano	4,328	64	4,137	45	116	1	75	133,435	3,495
Katsina	2,226	0	2,185	0	35	0	6	53,090	2,551
Kebbi	458	0	433	0	16	0	9	22,781	1,066
Kogi	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	10,069	1,431
Kwara	3,930	11	3,650	0	63	0	217	41,143	1,875
Lagos ^a	77,676	163	76,916	3,969	749	23	11	857,649	13,977
Nasarawa	2,478	2	2,345	0	39	0	94	33,959	1,724
Niger	1,057	6	998	0	20	0	39	25,074	1,197
Ogun	5,371	1	5,290	1	80	0	1	100,536	2,452
Ondo	4,545	15	4,360	0	98	0	87	41,702	2,214

STATE	CONFIRMED		RECOVERIES		DEATHS		ACTIVE CASES	TESTING	
	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week		Total	Last Week
Osun	2,985	14	2,862	14	86	0	37	30,371	2,206
Oyo	8,742	12	8,507	496	191	0	44	99,307	2,397
Plateau	9,674	99	9,403	52	68	3	203	80,614	1,845
Rivers	12,607	83	12,347	207	154	0	106	333,892	8,588
Sokoto	806	1	774	0	28	0	4	32,096	1,287
Taraba ^b	1,201	109	1,116	62	28	4	57	17,336	3
Yobe	502	0	490	0	9	0	3	30,676	774
Zamfara	277	1	268	21	8	0	1	16,414	-
Total	210,460	1,162	202,379	5,236	2,882	45	5,199	3,321,155	92,154

NB – ^a Discharges reported from Lagos include community discharge

^b Cases reported from Taraba include backlog from 7th to 15th October 2021

Test type disaggregation (last one week)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	32,598	35.4%
RDT	59,556	64.6%
TOTAL	92,154	

Test type disaggregation (cumulative)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	2,753,368	82.9%
RDT	567,787	17.1%
TOTAL	3,321,155	

RETURNING PASSENGERS TESTS

Laboratories and COVID-19 tests for returning Persons of Interest

LABORATORY	INBOUND
Everight Diagnostics (Imo)	357
DNA Labs Abuja (FCT)	307
Medbury (Lagos)	243
Medbury Medical Services (Rivers)	239
Cedarcrest Abuja (FCT)	159
AFRIGLOBAL (Lagos)	158
Zaine Lab (Lagos)	137
CLINA-LANCET Laboratories (Lagos)	121
Everight Diagnostics (Abuja) (FCT)	94
Life Center (Lagos)	92
Clinix Healthcare (Lagos)	84
Arrive Alive (Lagos)	68
Westend Hospital Molecular Laboratory (Delta)	68
Arab Labs (FCT)	66
Medicaid Abuja (FCT)	65
SYNLAB (Lagos)	63
BIOLOGIX (Lagos)	50
Me Cure (Lagos)	46
E-clinic & Diagnostics (FCT)	39
Capitol Hill Molecular Lab (Delta)	39
CLINA-LANCET Laboratories Abuja (FCT)	37
Harley And Rainbow (Lagos)	34
Dexmian Medical Laboratory (FCT)	31
Vcare (Lagos)	28
Lovett Lawson Molecular Lab (FCT)	28
NIZAMIYE (FCT)	24
DemyHealth (FCT)	23
DNA Labs Kaduna (Kaduna)	23
IFAIN (FCT)	23
Biosensors Medical Diagnostics (FCT)	21
Ibom Molecular Laboratory (Akwa Ibom)	21
Funbell (Lagos)	21

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)	FMC Owo, (Ondo)
YSSH, (Yobe)	FMC Birnin Kebbi, (Kebbi)
UCTH (Cross River)	PHL (Ondo)
UPH (Rivers)	UNTH (Enugu)
ISTH (Edo)	Landmark (Anambra)
FMC Owo (Ondo)	BRML (Bauchi)
USUMH (Borno)	UMTH (Borno)
PLASVIREC (Plateau)	Warri Lab (Delta)
GH Kagarko (Kaduna)	ACEGID (Osun)
FMC (Owerri)	FMC (Katsina)
UBTH (Edo)	AE-FETHA (Ebonyi)
DLHMH (Cross River)	FMC Makurdi (Benue)
FMCG (Zamfara)	FMCJ (Taraba)
Sobi IDH (Kwara)	USUMH (Borno)

Grandville (Lagos)	20
Lifebridge (Lagos)	17
Total (Lagos)	15
Genequest (Lagos)	12
SMPL (Enugu)	7
TOBIS MDL (Bayelsa)	5
The Specialist Lab (Lagos)	4
CoolSpring (Lagos)	3
LASUCOM (Lagos)	2
Grand Total	2,894

DAILY CONFIRMED CASES – DATA AS AT 24TH OCTOBER 2021

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

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 42	18 ^h October	19 th October	20 th October	21 st October	22 nd October	23 rd October	24 th October
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adamawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Anambra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bauchi	37	4	1	11	11	9	1	0
Bayelsa	5	0	0	1	0	1	1	2
Benue	36	0	0	0	0	0	36	0
Borno	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross River	20	0	9	0	11	0	0	0
Delta	26	11	2	3	0	0	10	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	6	0	0	0	1	2	1	2
Ekiti	7	0	3	0	1	3	0	0
Enugu	44	0	0	0	0	0	44	0
FCT	233	40	31	0	46	73	43	0
Gombe	14	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
Imo	19	0	17	2	0	0	0	0
Jigawa	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kaduna	108	34	0	0	26	0	47	1
Kano	64	8	7	0	29	18	1	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	11	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
Lagos	163	8	12	17	48	48	30	0
Nasarawa	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Niger	6	0	3	0	2	1	0	0
Ogun	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ondo	15	0	7	0	8	0	0	0

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 42	18 ^h October	19 th October	20 th October	21 st October	22 nd October	23 rd October	24 th October
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	14	0	0	0	0	8	0	6
Oyo	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	10
Plateau	99	0	4	16	49	25	5	0
Rivers	83	8	15	6	9	20	3	22
Sokoto	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Taraba^b	109	0	0	109	0	0	0	0
Yobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zamfara	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,162	137	111	167	268	209	225	45

NB- ^b Cases reported from Taraba include backlog from 7th to 15th October 2021

DAILY RECOVERIES – DATA AS AT 24TH OCTOBER 2021

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

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 42	18 ^h October	19 th October	20 th October	21 st October	22 nd October	23 rd October	24 th October
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adamawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	90	0	0	90	0	0	0	0
Anambra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bauchi	13	4	0	0	5	4	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	24	0	15	0	9	0	0	0
Delta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	5	0	0	2	0	1	0	2
Ekiti	12	0	5	0	0	7	0	0
Enugu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FCT	32	0	11	0	4	11	0	6
Gombe	72	69	0	0	3	0	0	0
Imo	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	95	30	0	0	36	0	20	9
Kano	45	8	0	0	11	11	0	15
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 ^a	3,969	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,969
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 42	18 ^h October	19 th October	20 th October	21 st October	22 nd October	23 rd October	24 th October
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	14	0	0	0	0	6	0	8
Oyo	496	0	130	0	197	0	0	169
Plateau	52	0	0	0	0	0	52	0
Rivers	207	15	69	48	37	29	2	7
Sokoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taraba	62	0	0	38	0	22	0	2
Yobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zamfara	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5,236	169	234	178	302	91	74	4,188

NB – ^a Discharges reported from Lagos include community discharge

DAILY FATALITIES – DATA AS AT 24TH OCTOBER 2021

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

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 42	18 ^h October	19 th October	20 th October	21 st October	22 nd October	23 rd October	24 th October
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	1	1	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	9	0	0	0	4	2	3	0
Gombe	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Imo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jigawa	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kaduna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kano	1	0	0	0	0	1	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	23	4	4	0	14	0	1	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 42	18 ^h October	19 th October	20 th October	21 st October	22 nd October	23 rd October	24 th October
	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	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Rivers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sokoto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taraba	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Yobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zamfara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	45	5	4	2	24	5	5	0

DAILY EPICURVE

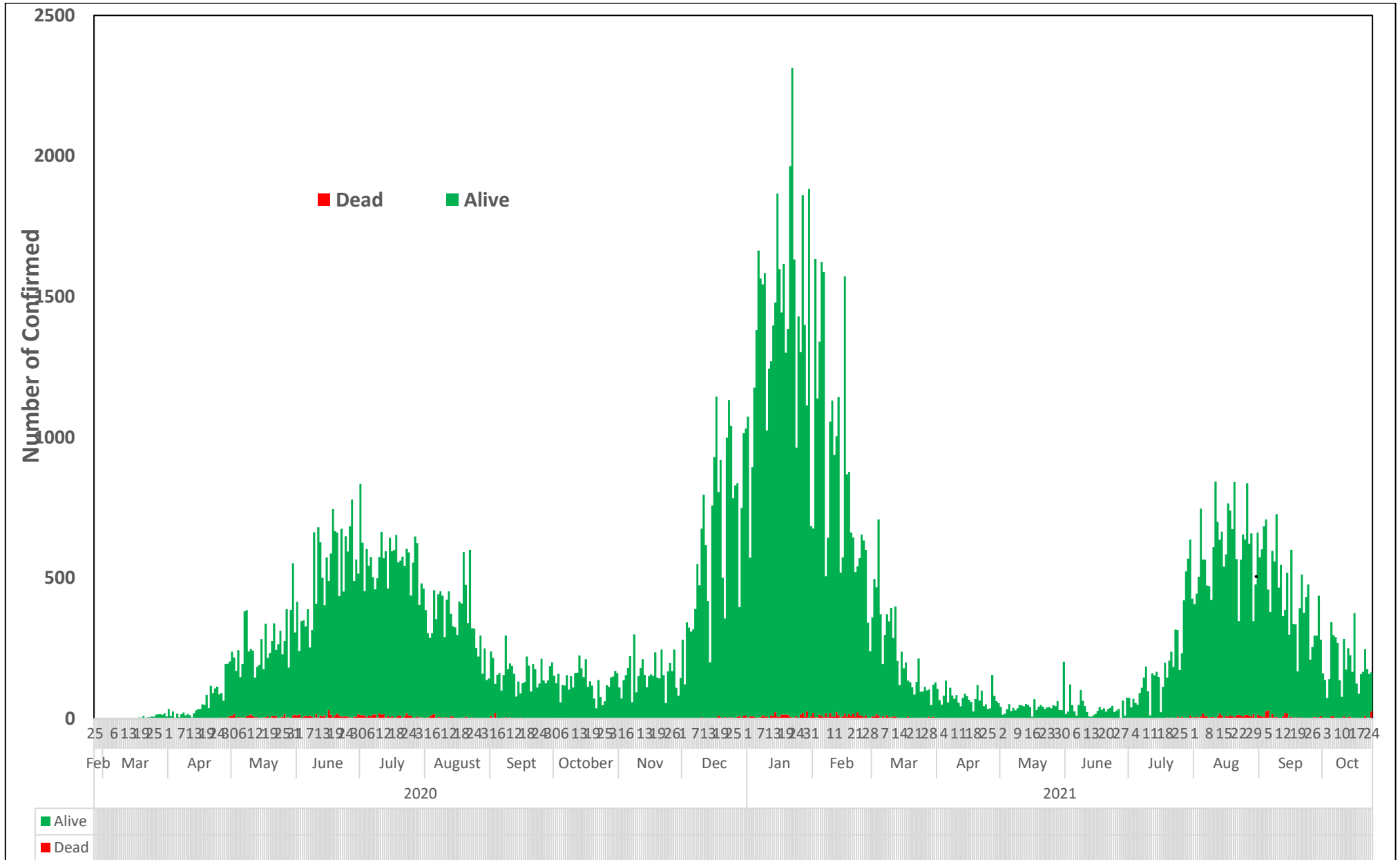


Figure 3: Daily epidemic curve of confirmed cases as reported per day as of 24th October 2021

AGE-GENDER BREAKDOWN

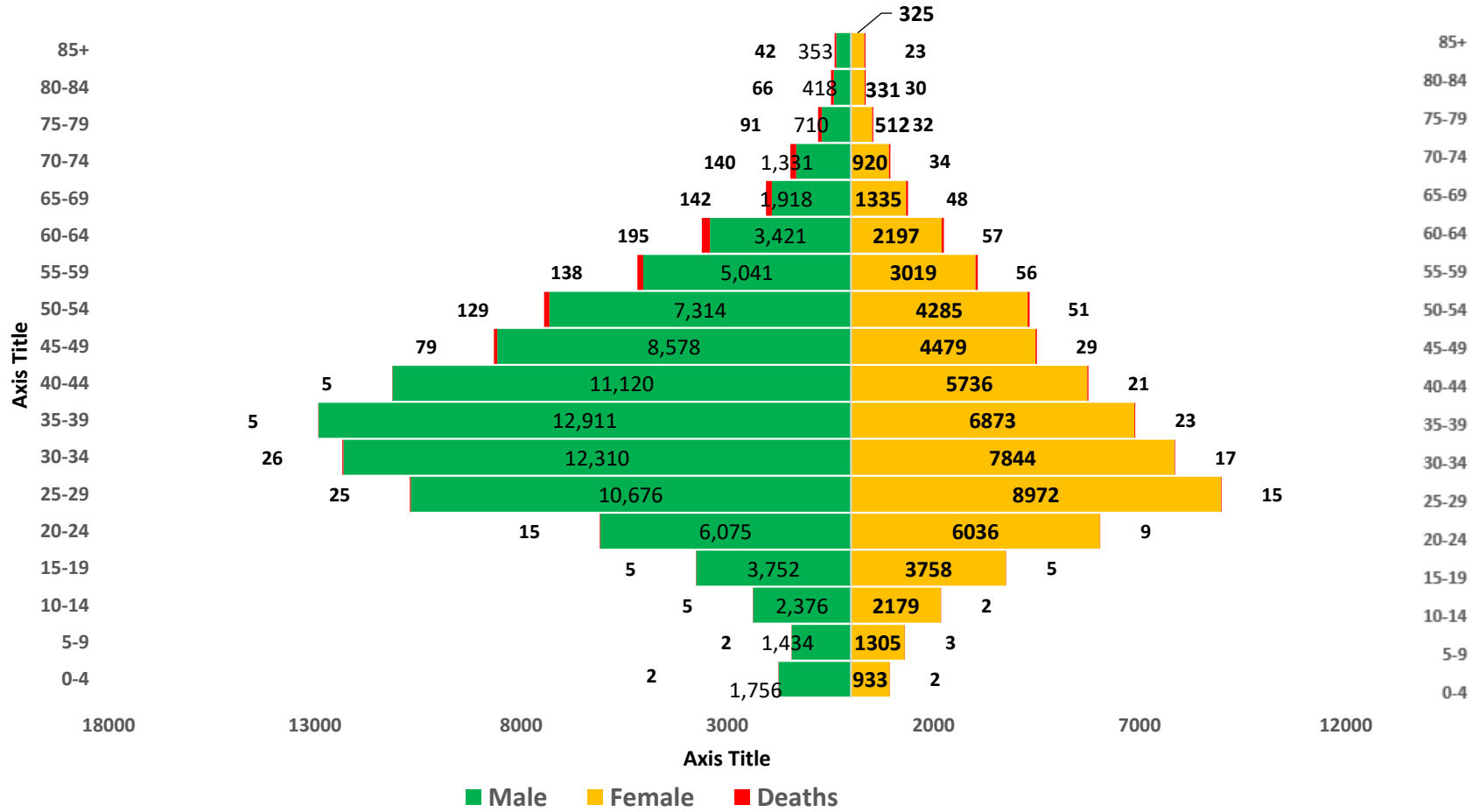


Figure 7: Chart with age and gender breakdown of cases and deaths (WK10, 2020 – WK42, 2021)

IN FOCUS: Release of a Revised Protocol for Travel into Nigeria

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a range of restrictions to international travel worldwide. Although these restrictions are now being eased, the extent of progress on the journey towards a full return to pre-COVID-19 travel still varies substantially by country. Travel restrictions continue to be reviewed and revised on evidence-based assessments of transmission risk that take into account local and global disease patterns including genomic surveillance for variants.

In Nigeria, the Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 has released a revised [travel protocol for incoming travellers](#). This is aimed at achieving a balance between efforts to return fully to open travel as a boost to the economic and those required to limit the spread of COVID-19 and variants of concern.

The revised protocol for travel into Nigeria stipulates the following:

- All travellers are required to upload a negative COVID-19 test result conducted within 72 hours of boarding onto the Nigeria International Travel Portal (nitp.ncdc.gov.ng) website and present a print-out at the airport upon check-in and arrival
- Unvaccinated and partially vaccinated inbound passengers will be required to observe a mandatory 7-day self-isolation in addition to a COVID-19 PCR test on days 2 and 7 after arrival
- Fully vaccinated inbound passengers will not be required to observe the mandatory 7-days self-isolation but will be required to do a COVID-19 PCR test on day 2 of arrival
- Travellers who will be staying less than 7 days in Nigeria must:
 - a. be fully vaccinated
 - b. produce a negative COVID-19 PCR result 72 hours before boarding; and
 - c. conduct a PCR test on day 2 of their arrival

As countries continue to experience case peaks and troughs, there is a need to sustain the COVID-19 response through testing, surveillance, risk communications, case management, and the administration of vaccines. Approved COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and significantly reduce the incidence of severe cases of disease and hospitalisations. As vaccines do not eliminate the risk of acquiring and transmitting the virus, it is important to continue to adhere to recommended safety measures (hand washing, use of face masks, proper respiratory etiquette, and avoidance of large gatherings). Pre- and post-arrival COVID-19 PCR testing allows health authorities to reduce this risk of transmission/importation of the virus. If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 while in self-isolation, please contact your state emergency helpline [here](#) or the NCDC toll-free number 6232 immediately.

Although fully vaccinated incoming travellers are not required to self-isolate, they are advised to avoid contact with others as much as possible, until they carry out their post arrival test. NCDC strongly urges the public to continue to adhere to all COVID-19 preventive measures.

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:

- 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
- 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
- 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, & Yobe States and Federal Capital Territory (FCT)
- Concluded training of community volunteers in 15 states to support case finding and contact tracing
- Pilot of approach to active case search and contact tracing in Kaduna State with plan to roll-out in other states across the country
- Continued follow up with states for daily reporting, contact tracing and key challenges
- Ongoing enhanced surveillance at points of entry
- Ongoing support for the safe school reopening conference in collaboration with risk communication and state surveillance teams at the ECOWAS building
- Ongoing COVID-19 training of health care workers under the Nigeria Armed Forces medical wing
- Developed and disseminated the NCDC IPC manual to health facilities
- Ongoing investigation of cases of healthcare worker infection in collaboration with Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) COVID-19 response team
- Ongoing Nigeria Capacity Development (NiCaDe) change agent training for Health facilities in FCT
- Ongoing process to establish State IPC programme
- 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)
- Supported Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) with RDT testing of members of staff at Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)
- Supported Ministry of Labour and Employment with Ag-RDT testing at the sensitisation workshop to mitigate the spread of COVID-19
- Ongoing sequencing of positive samples among travellers to Nigeria and positive cases detected in-country, at the National Reference Laboratory (NRL), Gaduwa
- Supported Federal Medical Centre (FMC); Jalingo, Defence Reference Laboratory; FCT and Yusuf Dantsoho Memorial Hospital; Kaduna with laboratory consumables and personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Supported Niger & Edo States Ministry of Health (SMoH) and National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Batch C Stream I Exercise with sample collection consumables and RDT kits for increase COVID-19 testing

- Ongoing quarterly commodity monitoring and stock verification exercise to reconcile data across states, check available stock balance and utilisation records
- Ongoing repositioning 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
- Integrated COVID-19 messages by leveraging on the cholera RRT sent to Oyo, Kebbi, Adamawa, Sokoto, Gombe and Yobe states
- Disseminated safety guidelines for conducting events and conferences in Nigeria
- 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:

- 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](#)
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- 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/>