



COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORT 41

Epi Week 29: 19th – 25th July 2021

DATA AS REPORTED AND ACCURATE BY NCDC AS AT MIDNIGHT 25TH JULY 2021

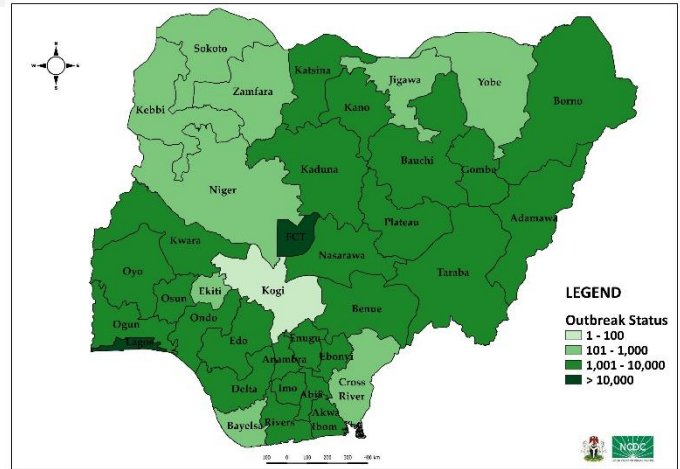
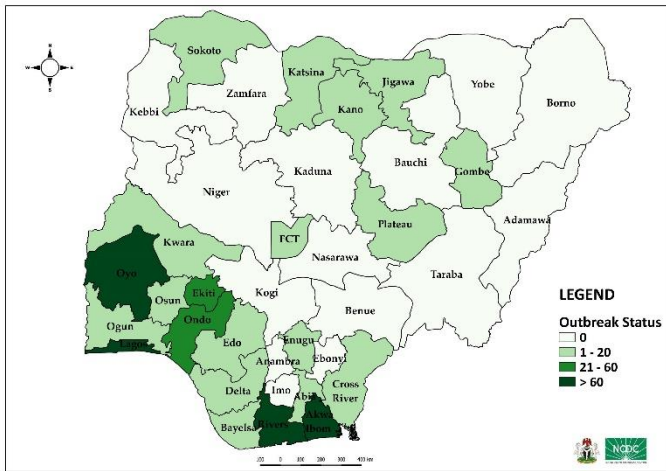


Fig 1. Distribution of cases (Epi Week 29 only)

Fig 2. Distribution of cumulative cases

HIGHLIGHTS

- In Week 29, the number of new confirmed cases increased to **1,579** from **966** reported in week 28. These were reported in **21** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 2).
- In Week 29, the number of discharged cases decreased to **90** from **258** in week 28. These were reported in **7** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 3).
- There were **5** deaths reported in the last one week (Tables 1 & 4).
- Cumulatively, since the outbreak began in Week 9, 2020 there have been **171,097** cases and **2,132** deaths reported with a case fatality rate (CFR) of **1.2%** (Tables 1 & 4).
- In Week 29, the number of in-bound international travellers tested was **2,836** of which **74** were positive compared to **107** from week 28.
- In Week 29, the number of out-bound international travellers tested was **3,376** of which **141** were positive compared to **126** from week 28.
- Globally, the count for confirmed COVID-19 cases is **194,080,019** with **4,162,304** deaths resulting in a case fatality rate of **2.1%**.

GENERAL FACT SHEET – DATA AS AT 25TH JULY 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 | 1,700 | 7 | 1,675 | 6 | 22 | 0 | 3 | 25,656 | 70 |
| Adamawa | 1,134 | 0 | 1,098 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 4 | 23,811 | 2 |
| Akwa Ibom | 2,238 | 259 | 1,917 | 0 | 21 | 3 | 300 | 26,075 | 810 |
| Anambra | 1,909 | 0 | 1,826 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 64 | 30,335 | 325 |
| Bauchi | 1,549 | 0 | 1,532 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 28,907 | 9 |
| Bayelsa | 908 | 1 | 880 | 1 | 26 | 0 | 2 | 20,266 | 29 |
| Benue | 1,366 | 0 | 1,327 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 15 | 18,662 | - |
| Borno | 1,344 | 0 | 1,305 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 1 | 21,780 | 75 |
| Cross River | 404 | 2 | 384 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 2 | 9,119 | 46 |
| Delta | 2,663 | 9 | 2,556 | 0 | 72 | 0 | 35 | 44,808 | 448 |
| Ebonyi | 2,039 | 0 | 2,002 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 5 | 30,328 | 17 |
| Edo | 4,916 | 2 | 4,725 | 0 | 185 | 0 | 6 | 60,149 | 397 |
| Ekiti | 919 | 22 | 867 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 41 | 26,349 | 1,152 |
| Enugu | 2,484 | 2 | 2,435 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 20 | 39,132 | 120 |
| FCT | 19,944 | 17 | 19,741 | 22 | 168 | 0 | 35 | 328,032 | 6,438 |
| Gombe | 2,119 | 2 | 2,069 | 8 | 44 | 0 | 6 | 60,400 | 1,010 |
| Imo | 1,663 | 0 | 1,624 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 2 | 49,152 | 225 |
| Jigawa | 538 | 2 | 512 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 10 | 13,912 | 54 |
| Kaduna | 9,125 | 0 | 9,058 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 2 | 132,935 | 1,200 |
| Kano | 4,008 | 2 | 3,896 | 3 | 110 | 0 | 2 | 110,098 | 1,869 |
| Katsina | 2,114 | 2 | 2,055 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 25 | 43,522 | 439 |
| Kebbi | 450 | 0 | 392 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 42 | 19,049 | - |
| Kogi | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6,012 | 1 |
| Kwara | 3,162 | 2 | 3,068 | 0 | 55 | 0 | 39 | 28,638 | 7 |
| Lagos | 62,155 | 1,033 | 58,515 | 0 | 456 | 0 | 3,184 | 626,029 | 12,487 |
| Nasarawa | 2,385 | 0 | 2,345 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 1 | 25,466 | 12 |
| Niger | 935 | 0 | 913 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 5 | 19,627 | - |
| Ogun | 4,736 | 13 | 4,647 | 2 | 53 | 0 | 36 | 80,773 | 492 |
| Ondo | 3,524 | 27 | 3,413 | 0 | 66 | 1 | 45 | 28,330 | 32 |

| STATE | CONFIRMED | | RECOVERIES | | DEATHS | | ACTIVE CASES | TESTING | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| | Total | Last Week | Total | Last Week | Total | Last Week | | Total | Last Week |
| Osun | 2,579 | 1 | 2,520 | 0 | 52 | 0 | 7 | 21,673 | 34 |
| Oyo | 6,968 | 62 | 6,750 | 13 | 128 | 0 | 90 | 76,730 | 338 |
| Plateau | 9,070 | 2 | 9,008 | 0 | 57 | 0 | 5 | 72,840 | 161 |
| Rivers | 7,514 | 99 | 7,282 | 35 | 102 | 1 | 130 | 236,936 | 4,218 |
| Sokoto | 786 | 11 | 747 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 11 | 22,910 | 2,292 |
| Taraba | 1,001 | 0 | 977 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 14,442 | - |
| Yobe | 499 | 0 | 490 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 25,335 | 1,870 |
| Zamfara | 244 | 0 | 233 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 10,396 | 1,072 |
| Total | 171,097 | 1,579 | 164,787 | 90 | 2,132 | 5 | 4,178 | 2,458,614 | 37,751 |

Test type disaggregation (last one week)

| Type | Number of tests done | Percentage of tests done |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| PCR | 36,117 | 95.7% |
| RDT | 1,634 | 4.3% |
| TOTAL | 37,751 | |

Test type disaggregation (cumulative)

| Type | Number of tests done | Percentage of tests done |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| PCR | 2,153,655 | 87.6% |
| RDT | 304,959 | 12.4% |
| TOTAL | 2,458,614 | |

RETURNING PASSENGERS TESTS

Laboratories and COVID-19 tests for returning Persons of Interest

| Laboratory | IN-BOUND |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 54Gene Abuja (FCT) | 363 |
| ACCOUNS (Lagos) | 121 |
| AFRIGLOBAL (Lagos) | 128 |
| Arrive Alive (Lagos) | 38 |
| BIOLOGIX (Lagos) | 85 |
| Cedarcrest Abuja (FCT) | 70 |
| CLINA-LANCET Laboratories (Lagos) | 126 |
| Clinix Healthcare (Lagos) | 91 |
| Cool Spring (Lagos) | 4 |
| DNA labs Abuja (FCT) | 310 |
| DNA Labs Lagos (Lagos) | 5 |
| Evercare (Lagos) | 8 |
| Everight diagnostics Abuja (FCT) | 70 |
| Everight diagnostics (Imo) | 250 |
| Genequest (Lagos) | 4 |
| Grandville (Lagos) | 9 |
| Harley and Rainbow (Lagos) | 20 |
| LASUCOM (Lagos) | 9 |
| Me Cure (Lagos) | 50 |
| Medbury (Lagos) | 329 |
| Medicaid Abuja (Fct) | 369 |
| Medilag (Lagos) | 6 |
| Synlab (Lagos) | 204 |
| The Specialist Lab (Lagos) | 9 |
| Total (Lagos) | 10 |
| Union Diagnostics (Lagos) | 5 |
| VCARE (Lagos) | 41 |
| Wellmed (Lagos) | 16 |
| Zaine Lab (Lagos) | 86 |
| Grand Total | 2,836 |

Laboratories without reports on number of samples tested this week.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| AKTH (Kano) | JUTH GX (Plateau) |
| FMCG (Zamfara) | 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 (Minna) |
| CAMRET (Sokoto) | PLASVREC (Plateau) |
| NVRI (Plateau) | SOBI-IDH (Kwara) |
| 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) |
| YSSH, (Yobe) | FMC Birnin Kebbi, (Kebbi) |
| UDUTH, (Sokoto) | BRML, (Bauchi) |
| UCTH (Cross River) | PHL (Ondo) |
| UPH (Rivers) | UNTH (Enugu) |
| ISTH (Edo) | UBTH (Edo) |
| FETHA (Ebonyi) | FMC Owo (Ondo) |

DAILY CONFIRMED CASES – DATA AS AT 25TH JULY 2021

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

| CONFIRMED CASES | WEEK 29 | 19 th July | 20 th July | 21 st July | 22 nd July | 23 rd July | 24 th July | 25 th July |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | TOTAL | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| Abia | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Adamawa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Akwa Ibom | 259 | 0 | 56 | 45 | 0 | 62 | 43 | 53 |
| Anambra | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bauchi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bayelsa | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Benue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Borno | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cross River | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Delta | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Ebonyi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Edo | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Ekiti | 22 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| Enugu | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FCT | 17 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Gombe | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Imo | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jigawa | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kaduna | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kano | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Katsina | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kebbi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kogi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kwara | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lagos | 1,033 | 134 | 132 | 181 | 124 | 172 | 182 | 108 |
| Nasarawa | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Niger | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ogun | 13 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 |

| CONFIRMED CASES | WEEK 29 | 19 th July | 20 th July | 21 st July | 22 nd July | 23 rd July | 24 th July | 25 th July |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | TOTAL | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| Ondo | 27 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| Osun | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Oyo | 62 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 33 | 10 | 4 |
| Plateau | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Rivers | 99 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 27 | 32 | 34 | 3 |
| Sokoto | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 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 | 1,579 | 146 | 206 | 238 | 184 | 317 | 315 | 173 |

DAILY RECOVERIES – DATA AS AT 25TH JULY 2021

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

| CONFIRMED RECOVERIES | WEEK 29 | 19 th July | 20 th July | 21 st July | 22 nd July | 23 rd July | 24 th July | 25 th July |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | TOTAL | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| Abia | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 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 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 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 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gombe | 8 | 0 | 8 | 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 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 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 |
| Ogun | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ondo | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| CONFIRMED RECOVERIES | WEEK 29 | 19 th July | 20 th July | 21 st July | 22 nd July | 23 rd July | 24 th July | 25 th July |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | TOTAL | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| Osun | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oyo | 13 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Plateau | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rivers | 35 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 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 | 90 | 11 | 23 | 9 | 30 | 8 | 8 | 1 |

DAILY FATALITIES – DATA AS AT 25TH JULY 2021

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

| CONFIRMED FATALITIES | WEEK 29 | 19 th July | 20 th July | 21 st July | 22 nd July | 23 rd July | 24 th July | 25 th July |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 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 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 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 |
| Ogun | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| CONFIRMED FATALITIES | WEEK 29 | 19 th July | 20 th July | 21 st July | 22 nd July | 23 rd July | 24 th July | 25 th July |
|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | TOTAL | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| Ondo | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 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 | 1 | 1 | 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 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

DAILY EPICURVE

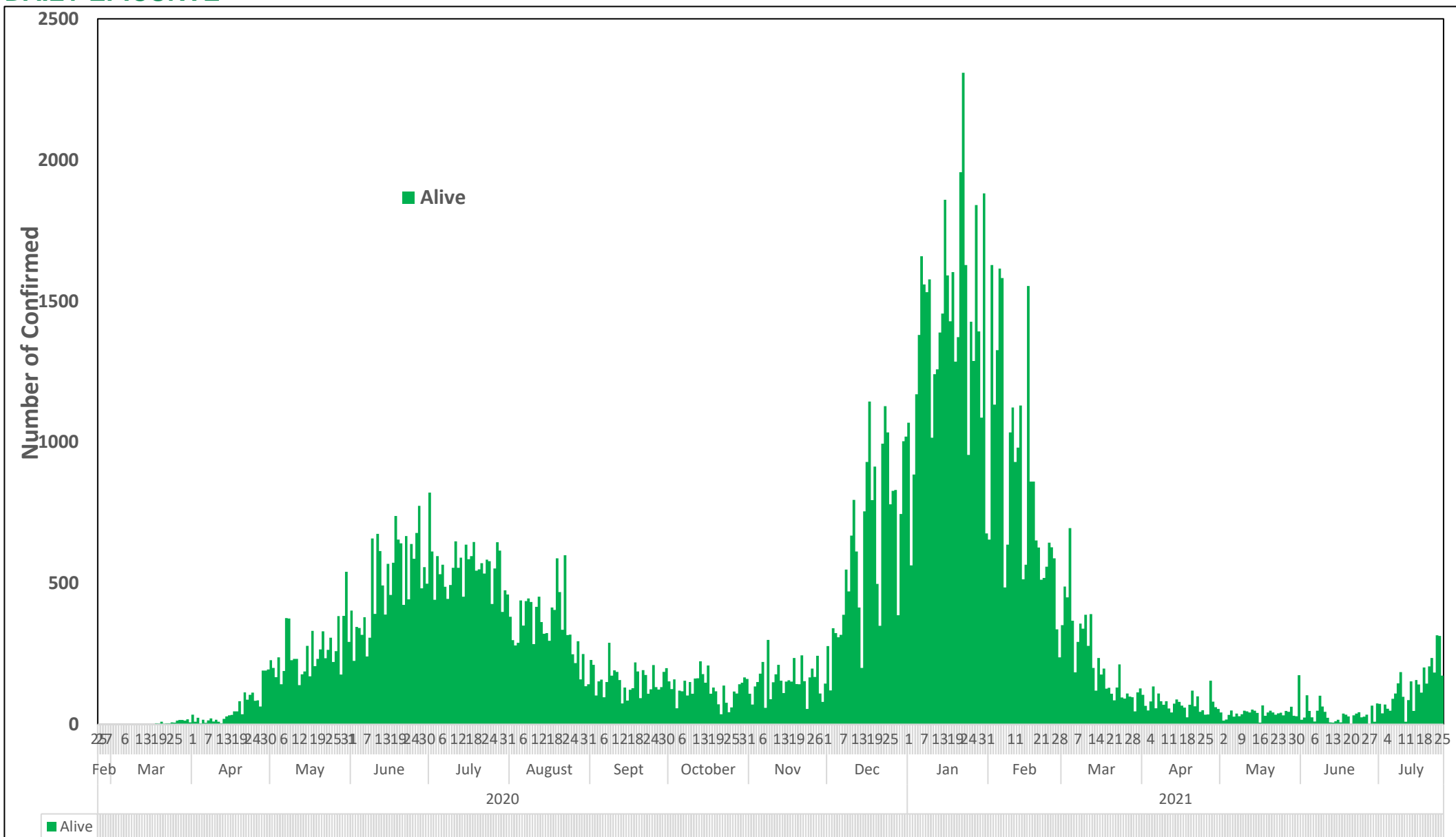


Figure 3: Daily epidemic curve of confirmed cases as reported per day as of 25th July 2021

AGE-GENDER BREAKDOWN

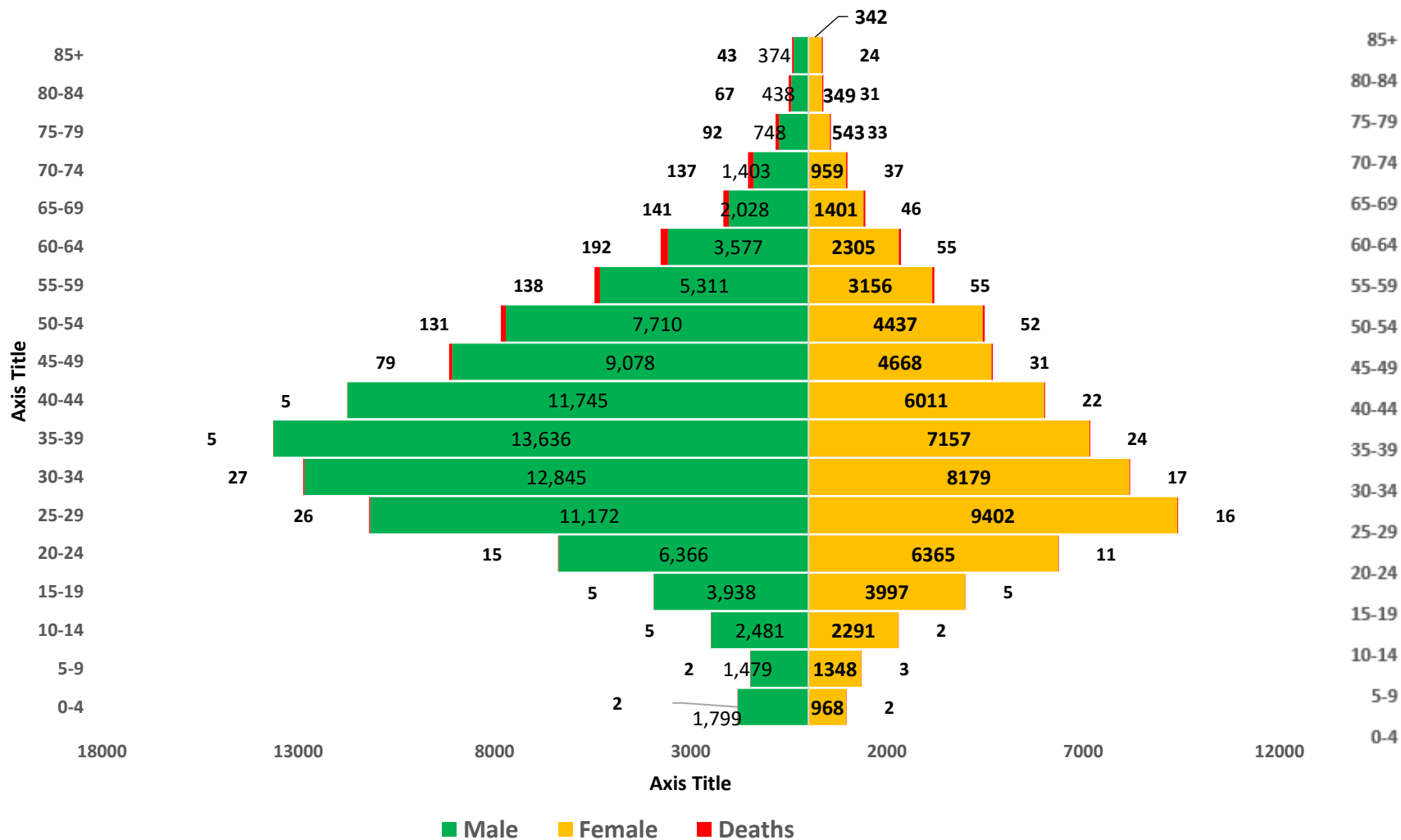


Figure 7: Chart with age and gender breakdown of cases and deaths (WK10, 2020 – WK29, 2021)

IN FOCUS: Engaging Nigerian Youths in the Response to COVID-19

With the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Nigeria, members of the public are urged to be cautious and take responsibility to prevent further spread of the virus. Although the risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 is higher among the older population, COVID-19 still poses a risk to young people. Young people especially those with underlying illnesses and health conditions are at risk of complications and death due to COVID-19. In addition, young people make up a large proportion of the health care workforce in Nigeria are at a higher risk of exposure to the disease.

With Nigeria's young population, youth engagement is an essential part of the national COVID-19 response. Recognising the unique concerns, experiences and behaviours that young people have, policy makers and leaders must tailor interventions and messaging to resonate with younger people during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes the use of social media platforms and influencers to communicate COVID-19 preventive messages and targeting places such as educational institutions, cinemas, and shopping malls for COVID-19 intervention programmes.

Recently, the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), a mandatory one-year programme for Nigerian graduates, resumed for the second batch of members for the year 2021. In supporting the NYSC, NCDC held COVID-19 awareness sessions for corps members, provided supplies for rapid tests of camp entrants and trained corps members and staff on infection prevention control.

NYSC corps members have played a key role in disease outbreak response by supporting local government disease surveillance notification officers (DSNOs) with disease case reporting and data updates on Surveillance Outbreak Response Management and Analysis System (SORMAS) digital platform.

As camp resumes in the context of increasing COVID-19 cases, we urge NYSC corps members to adhere to COVID-19 protocols and serve as models for their communities. Corps members and youths are encouraged to practice frequent hand washing, always wear a mask in public places, adhere to measures put in place by authorities and encourage others to do the same.

The approved Antigen-based Rapid Diagnostic Test kits can be used to rapidly detect cases in settings such as camps, schools, and workplaces. We encourage leaders in respective camps to take advantage of this so that COVID-19 cases are detected early and controlled before spread.

As the disease evolves, scientists continue to track knowledge about COVID-19 and its variants. Research, including genetic sequencing supported by NCDC, Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR), African Centre of Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases (ACEGID) and partners is ongoing to inform Nigeria's response to the pandemic to mitigate the impact of surge in cases in the country. We recognise the contribution of young scientists and public health professionals in the fight against COVID-19.

Finally, we urge young people who are frequent users of social media, to use their platforms responsibly. This includes sharing only verified information on COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, with the public.

Young people have an important role in protecting the health of Nigerians- Take Responsibility.

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

- **Conducted National COVID-19 Intra-Action Review (NIAR) meeting support by the World Health Organization (WHO)**
- **Concluded the assessment of oxygen capacity of treatment/isolation centres using the assessment checklist**
- **Concluded review of the interim guideline for Clinical Management of COVID-19**
- **Supported testing of passengers at the ground crossing borders in Seme border, Lagos State and Idiroko border, Ogun State using Antigen-based Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits (Ag-RDT)**
- **Concluded Nigeria Capacity Development (NiCaDe) refresher training workshop for state trainers ahead of the COVID-19 IPC trainings slated for September**
- **Ongoing review of IPC guidelines on suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19**
- **Disseminated COVID-19 articles on current variants and disease trends to health workers**
- **Ongoing refresher workshop for IPC focal persons in health facilities**
- **Ongoing online classes for IPC Intermediate diploma course for IPC professionals**
- **Concluded intra-state cascade training on the appropriate and safe use of approved Ag-based RDT in Bayelsa, Benue and Osun States**
- **Conducted Training of Trainers on the appropriate and safe use of approved Ag-based RDTs for COVID-19 diagnosis for North-West geopolitical zone**
- **Conducted RDT screening for members of staff of the National University Commission and staff of the Federal Civil Service**
- **Supported Yusuf Dantsoho Memorial Hospital Kaduna, State Specialist Hospital and State University, Gombe and Defense Reference Laboratory, FCT with laboratory consumables and personal protective equipment (PPEs)**
- **Supported Ekiti, Benue, and Gombe States Ministry of Health (MoH) with rapid diagnostic test (RDT) kits for increase COVID-19 testing**
- **Concluded the distribution of IPC commodities to Borno and Oyo States**
- **Ongoing quarterly commodity monitoring and stock verification exercise to reconcile data across states, check the available stock balance and utilisation records**
- **Supported the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the pre-event planning for the Global Conference for Safe School Declaration in FCT, Abuja**
- **Continued engagement with states to ensure regular reporting and response continuity**
- **Continued roll out of Ag-RDT in collaboration with partners**
- **Continued tracking and collation of data from states for strategic coordination**
- **Continued collation of reports on COVID-19 clinical management study**
- **Ongoing COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness study in collaboration with National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) and World Health Organization (WHO)**

- 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 assessment of oxygen capacity of treatment/isolation centres using assessment checklist
- Continued follow up with states for daily reporting, contact tracing and key challenges
- Ongoing enhanced surveillance at points of entry
- Continued sensitisation of schools, hospitals, patients and relations and religious bodies on hand hygiene
- Ongoing sequencing of positive samples among travellers to Nigeria, at the National Reference Laboratory (NRL), Gaduwa
- Concluded the distribution of IPC supplies donated by Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) to support primary health care facilities across the country, in collaboration with NPHCDA
- 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
- Conducted National Risk Communication Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting in Lagos State
- Conducted workshop on integration of COVID-19 messaging with Human Immunodeficiency Virus, Tuberculosis and Malaria (HTM) infection with support from Global Fund
- 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 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/>