



COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT

WEEKLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORT 63

Epi Week 51: 20th – 26th December 2021

DATA AS REPORTED AND ACCURATE BY NCDC AS AT MIDNIGHT 26TH DECEMBER 2021

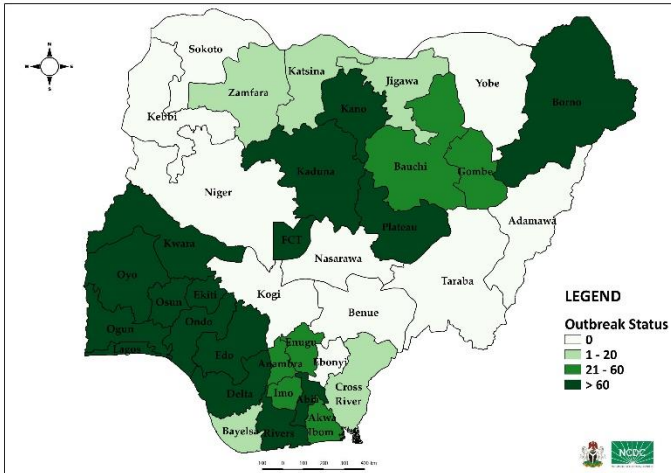


Fig 1. Distribution of cases (Epi Week 51 only)

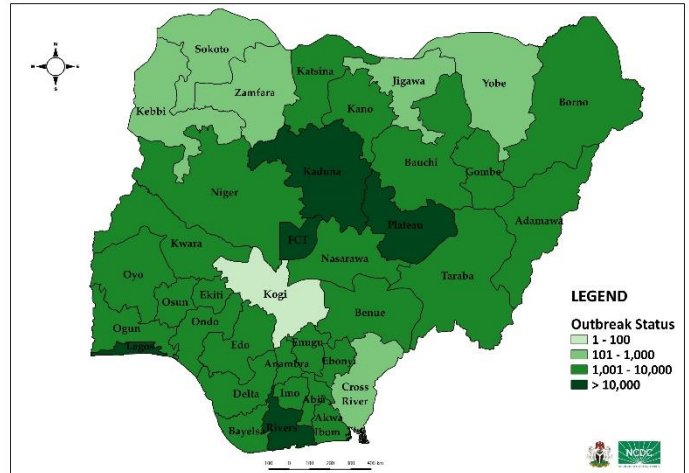


Fig 2. Distribution of cumulative cases

HIGHLIGHTS

- In Week 51, the number of samples tested decreased to **58,288** from **73,919** reported in week 50. These were reported in **36** states and FCT (Tables 1).
- In Week 51, the number of new confirmed cases increased to **13,674 (23.5%)** from **6,406 (8.6%)** reported in week 50. These were reported in **26** states and FCT (Tables 1 & 2) and includes backlog of confirmed cases reported from Anambra (8), Borno (159), Kaduna (10), and Lagos (2,436) States and FCT (55)
- In Week 51, the number of discharged cases decreased to **1,013** from **3,791** in week 50.
- There were **37** deaths reported in the last one week (Tables 1 & 4). This includes backlogs of deaths reported from Imo State (16)
- Cumulatively, since the outbreak began in Week **9**, 2020 there have been **237,561** cases and **3,022** deaths reported with a case fatality rate (CFR) of **1.3%** (Tables 1 & 4).
- In Week 51, the number of in-bound international travellers tested was **9,398** of which **668 (7.1%)** were positive compared to **522 (6.3%)** (out of **8,306** tested) in week 50.
- In Week 51, the number of out-bound international travellers tested was **10,233** of which **1,864 (18.2%)** were positive compared to **1,464 (17.4%)** (out of **8,421** tested) in week 50.
- Worldwide, there has been **280,119,931** confirmed COVID-19 cases with **5,403,662** deaths resulting in a case fatality rate of **2.0%**.

GENERAL FACT SHEET – DATA AS AT 26TH DECEMBER 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	2,121	77	2,010	8	33	2	78	40,880	701
Adamawa	1,157	0	1,098	0	32	0	27	30,310	52
Akwa Ibom	4,487	59	4,349	31	44	0	94	48,979	2,013
Anambra ^a	2,489	43	2,405	19	19	0	65	51,591	373
Bauchi	1,851	25	1,791	15	23	0	37	37,496	158
Bayelsa	1,290	4	1,226	10	28	0	36	36,558	770
Benue	1,907	0	1,512	0	25	0	370	48,374	695
Borno ^b	1,532	176	1,317	0	38	0	177	25,709	176
Cross River	696	6	654	23	25	0	17	18,508	15
Delta	4,705	144	2,556	0	110	0	2,039	78,182	1,220
Ebonyi	2,062	0	2,004	0	32	0	26	37,086	48
Edo	7,296	335	6,410	76	281	0	605	110,519	871
Ekiti	1,898	76	1,747	4	28	0	123	52,083	798
Enugu	2,890	44	2,835	38	29	0	26	64,010	292
FCT ^c	26,910	2,049	23,593	202	232	8	3,085	533,946	10,299
Gombe	2,784	27	2,683	14	60	0	41	95,484	442
Imo ^d	2,310	25	1,999	0	57	16	254	73,639	93
Jigawa	627	8	602	2	17	0	8	24,354	322
Kaduna ^e	10,456	173	10,098	32	86	4	272	175,244	1,944
Kano	4,628	115	4,353	46	122	1	153	144,890	549
Katsina	2,377	10	2,327	7	37	0	13	62,821	2
Kebbi	470	0	454	0	16	0	0	24,682	-
Kogi	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	11,883	12
Kwara	4,185	150	3,709	0	64	0	412	46,367	651
Lagos ^f	92,128	8,562	80,063	10	757	0	11,308	1,023,811	25,976
Nasarawa	2,517	0	2,345	0	39	0	133	37,313	338
Niger	1,077	0	998	0	20	0	59	28,675	128
Ogun	5,660	141	5,339	40	81	1	240	111,257	1,191
Ondo	4,817	141	4,508	0	98	0	211	48,779	808
Osun	3,107	61	2,951	5	89	3	67	35,583	126
Oyo	9,770	528	8,699	98	193	2	878	109,172	1,444

STATE	CONFIRMED		RECOVERIES		DEATHS		ACTIVE CASES	TESTING	
	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week	Total	Last Week		Total	Last Week
Plateau	10,135	74	9,961	68	73	0	101	91,365	230
Rivers	14,261	613	13,103	265	154	0	1,004	388,018	5,500
Sokoto	810	0	782	0	28	0	0	34,543	21
Taraba	1,269	0	1,222	0	32	0	15	20,567	-
Yobe	502	0	490	0	9	0	3	31,780	-
Zamfara	375	8	354	0	9	0	12	18,530	30
Total	237,561	13,674	212,550	1,013	3,022	37	21,989	3,852,988	58,288

NB:

^a43 cases reported from Anambra State include 7 backlogs from 19th December 2021

^b176 cases reported from Borno State include 159 backlogs from October 5th – 30th, and December 1st – 19th 2021

^c2,049 cases reported from FCT include 55 backlogs from 18th – 19th December 2021

^d16 deaths reported from Imo State include backlogs from September 7th – October 23rd 2021

^e173 cases reported from Kaduna State include 10 backlogs from 19th December 2021

^f8,562 cases reported for Lagos state include 2,436 backlogs from December 13th – 19th 2021

Test type disaggregation (last one week)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	49,573	85.0%
RDT	8,715	15.0%
TOTAL	58,288	

Test type disaggregation (cumulative)

Type	Number of tests done	Percentage of tests done
PCR	3,130,977	81.3%
RDT	722,011	18.7%
TOTAL	3,852,988	

PASSENGERS TESTS

Laboratories and COVID-19 tests for returning Persons of Interest

LABORATORY	INBOUND
Medbury	744
54Gene FCT	627
54Gene Lagos	620
Arrive Alive	422
DNA labs Abuja	418
Medbury Medical Services	377
Life Center	303
Clina-Lancet Laboratories	273
Afriglobal	244
Synlab	244
ACOUNS	244
Cedarcrest Abuja	209
BIOLOGIX	190
Clinix Healthcare	179
Evercare	150
Zainelab	149
Funbell	139
Me Cure	131
Landmark Diagnostics	129
Edo Specialist Hospital	127
E-clinic & Diagnostics	119
Everight diagnostics (Abuja)	117
Ibom Molecular Laboratory	78
Genequest	75
Capitol Hill Molecular Lab	75
Clina-Lancet Laboratories Abuja	73
Vcare	73
The Lovett Lawson Molecular Lab	73
Arab Labs	64
Lifebridge	52
Demyhealth	51
Harley And Rainbow	43

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)
TSSHJ (Taraba)	FTH (Gombe)
FMC Owo (Ondo)	BML (Bayelsa)
USUMH (Borno)	GH Ikara (Kaduna)
FMCK (Katsina)	Warri Lab (Delta)
GH Kagarko (Kaduna)	Delta Mobile Lab (Delta)
FMC (Owerri)	GAGH (Kaduna)
UBTH (Edo)	AE-FETHA (Ebonyi)
DLHMH (Cross River)	FMC Makurdi (Benue)
FMCG (Zamfara)	FMCJ (Taraba)
Sobi IDH (Kwara)	BDTH (Kaduna)

LABORATORY	INBOUND
Ifain	43
Medicaid	43
Westend Hospital Molecular Laboratory	40
54gene Ogun	28
Coolspring	28
Nizamiye	24
Total	17
Wellmed	14
Centolab	13
Medi-Com Laboratory	10
The Specialist Lab	9
Grandvile	9
LASUCOM	8
Tobis MDL	3
Grand Total	7,101

Laboratories and COVID-19 tests for outbound Persons of Interest

LABORATORY	OUTBOUND
Life Center	1,383
Medbury	1,372
54gene Lagos	1,010
Arrive Alive	508
Medbury Medical Services	483
E-Clinic & Diagnostics	482
Demyhealth	473
54Gene FCT	451
Clinix Healthcare	356
Cedarcrest Abuja	297
Synlab	290
Zainelab	273
Medicaid	232
Everight Diagnostics (Abuja)	229
BIOLOGIX	206

LABORATORY	OUTBOUND
DNA Labs Abuja	181
Vcare	180
Evercare	137
54gene Ogun	133
Clina-Lancet Laboratories Abuja	128
Harley and Rainbow	120
Union Diagnostics Ibadan	117
Edo Specialist Hospital	110
Ibom Molecular Laboratory	86
ACOUNS	84
The Genelab	80
Genequest	74
Lifebridge	63
Arab Labs	62
Me Cure	59
Westend Hospital Molecular Laboratory	57
Coolspring	55
Nizamiye	51
Funbell	37
54gene Kano	37
Capitol Hill Molecular Lab	36
Landmark Diagnostics	35
Afriglobal	33
Centolab	32
The Lovett Lawson Molecular Lab	31
Ifain	29
The Specialist Lab	28
IML	23
Medi-Com Laboratory	22
Grandvile	19
ABUAD MSH	14
Total	13
LASUCOM	12
Tobis MDL	9

LABORATORY	OUTBOUND
LASUCOM Molecular Laboratory	1
Grand Total	10,233

DAILY CONFIRMED CASES – DATA AS AT 26TH DECEMBER 2021

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

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 51	20 th December	21 st December	22 nd December	23 rd December	24 th December	25 th December	26 th December
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	77	51	0	26	0	0	0	0
Adamawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	59	17	29	13	0	0	0	0
Anambra ^a	43	7	0	0	11	25	0	0
Bauchi	25	5	1	15	1	3	0	0
Bayelsa	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno ^b	176	0	0	0	0	10	0	166
Cross River	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delta	144	20	44	31	30	19	0	0
Ebonyi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	335	0	155	62	21	97	0	0
Ekiti	76	12	0	38	8	0	11	7
Enugu	44	12	0	9	11	12	0	0
FCT ^c	2,049	209	197	0	734	231	302	376
Gombe	27	3	2	0	14	8	0	0
Imo	25	0	0	0	0	25	0	0
Jigawa	8	0	0	0	1	6	0	1
Kaduna ^d	173	26	0	39	29	59	20	0
Kano	115	6	16	31	5	29	24	4
Katsina	10	0	0	0	3	0	0	7
Kebbi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kogi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwara	150	6	30	7	0	107	0	0
Lagos ^e	8,562	844	1,552	3,393	845	822	705	401
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ogun	141	30	0	30	4	0	30	47
Ondo	141	39	0	14	0	0	88	0

CONFIRMED CASES	WEEK 51	20 th December	21 st December	22 nd December	23 rd December	24 th December	25 th December	26 th December
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	61	15	0	0	10	0	6	30
Oyo	528	58	0	38	120	0	234	78
Plateau	74	34	0	0	20	14	6	0
Rivers	613	6	81	260	69	119	78	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	8	7	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	13,674	1,413	2,107	4,006	1,940	1,586	1,505	1,117

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DAILY RECOVERIES – DATA AS AT 26TH DECEMBER 2021

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

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 51	20 th December	21 st December	22 nd December	23 rd December	24 th December	25 th December	26 th December
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	8	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Adamawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akwa Ibom	31	16	0	15	0	0	0	0
Anambra	19	11	0	0	8	0	0	0
Bauchi	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
Bayelsa	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
Benue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Borno	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cross River	23	23	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	76	0	35	0	41	0	0	0
Ekiti	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Enugu	38	10	0	6	6	16	0	0
FCT ^c	202	13	4	0	13	140	20	12
Gombe	14	7	7	0	0	0	0	0
Imo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jigawa	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Kaduna	32	0	0	3	9	0	20	0
Kano	46	0	14	0	0	18	0	14
Katsina	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
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	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	4
Nasarawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ogun	40	0	0	0	5	0	2	33
Ondo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED RECOVERIES	WEEK 51	20 th December	21 st December	22 nd December	23 rd December	24 th December	25 th December	26 th December
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Oyo	98	0	0	33	0	0	20	45
Plateau	68	20	0	0	48	0	0	0
Rivers	265	25	16	27	45	39	62	51
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	1,013	133	91	92	187	213	124	173

DAILY FATALITIES – DATA AS AT 26TH DECEMBER 2021

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

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 51	20 th December	21 st December	22 nd December	23 rd December	24 th December	25 th December	26 th December
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Abia	2	0	0	2	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	8	0	4	0	0	1	2	1
Gombe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imo ^a	16	0	0	0	0	0	16	0
Jigawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaduna	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	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	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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ondo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CONFIRMED FATALITIES	WEEK 51	20 th December	21 st December	22 nd December	23 rd December	24 th December	25 th December	26 th December
	TOTAL	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Osun	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Oyo	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
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	37	0	4	2	0	2	23	6

NB: ^a16 deaths reported from Imo State include backlogs from September 7th – October 23rd 2021

DAILY EPICURVE

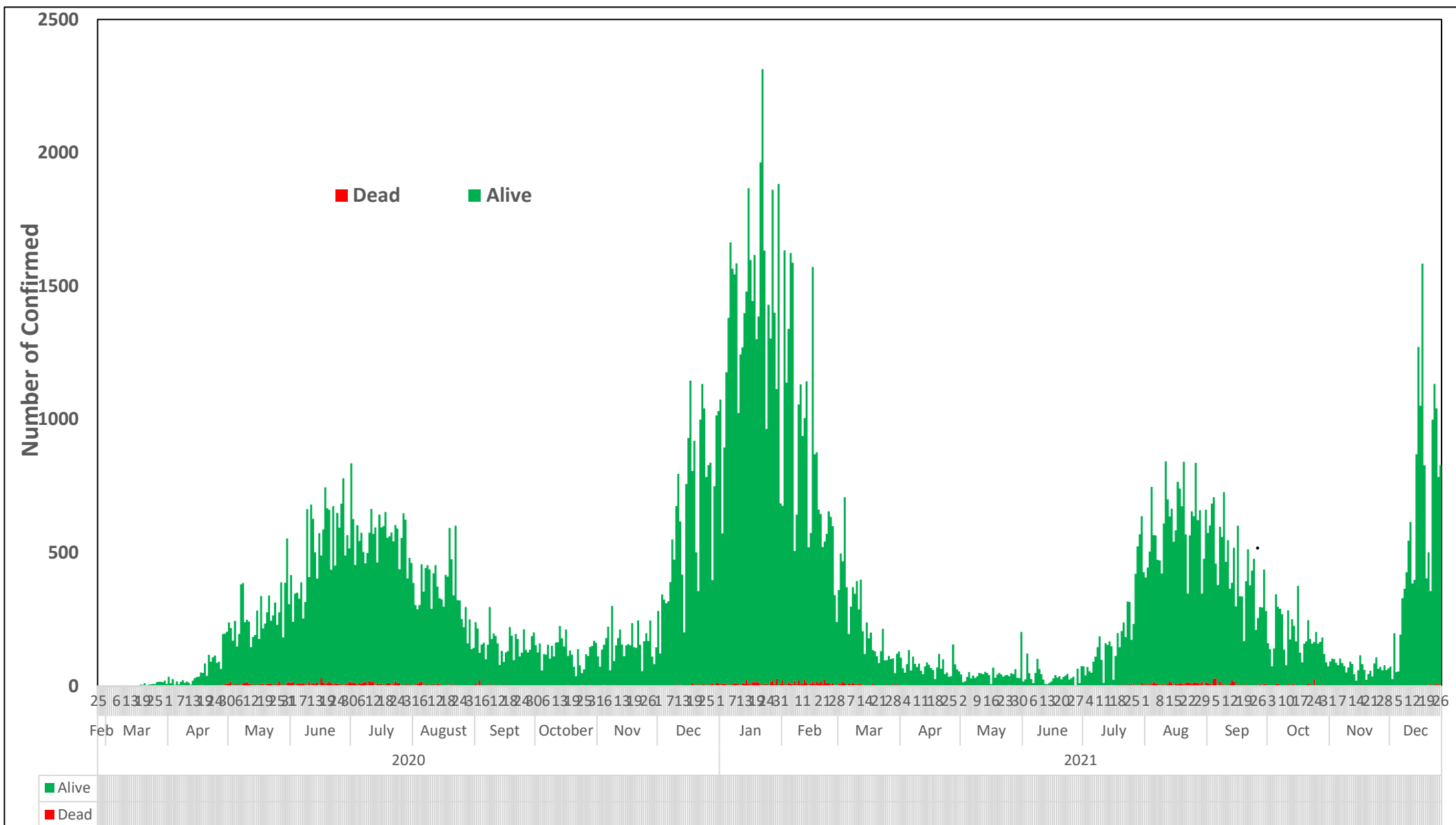


Figure 3: Daily epidemic curve of confirmed cases as reported per day as of 26th December 2021

AGE-GENDER BREAKDOWN

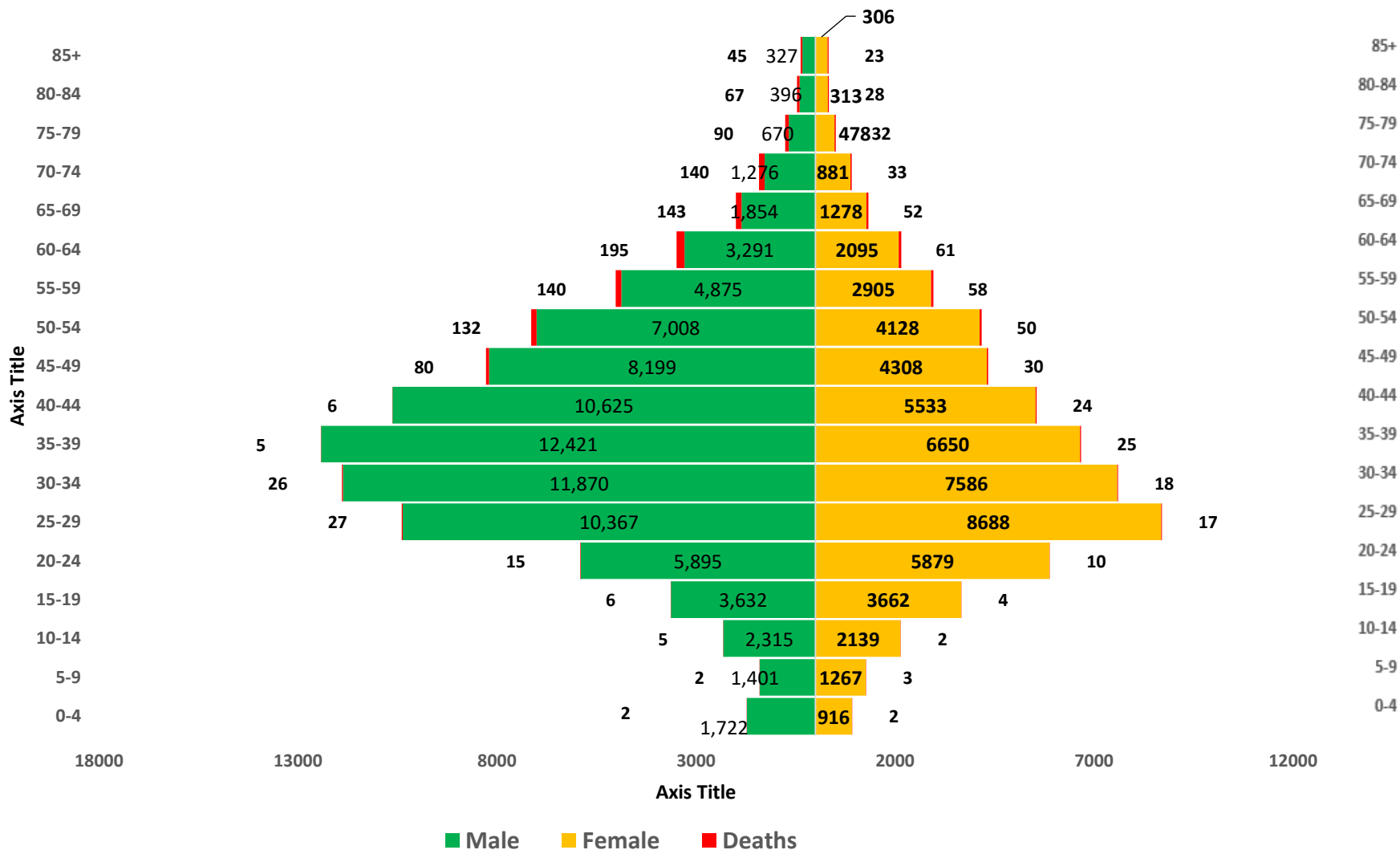


Figure 4: Chart with age and gender breakdown of cases and deaths (WK10, 2020 – WK51, 2021)

IN FOCUS: Sustaining Efforts Towards Epidemic Preparedness

As Nigeria continues to coordinate COVID-19 response activities amidst a fourth wave of the outbreak, the country is strengthening efforts towards protecting the lives of Nigerians. The COVID-19 pandemic response has highlighted the need for resilient systems to better prevent, detect and respond to disease outbreaks, contributing to long-term epidemic preparedness, nationally and globally.

This week, the global public health community observed International Day of Epidemic Preparedness. The day serves to emphasize the need for investments in structures for the response to epidemics timely and even before they occur, leveraging on lessons learnt from the previous outbreaks including the COVID-19 pandemic. It also presents an opportunity for public health institutions to raise awareness on the importance of data sharing, and the exchange of scientific knowledge and best practice at national, regional, and global levels.

The Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), with the Federal Ministry of Health and with the support of other Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDAs) and partners, has built and implemented several structures for epidemic preparedness in Nigeria over the past few years. These include a robust supply chain of laboratory reagents, personal protective equipment (PPE), establishment of public health emergency operation centres (PHEOCs), capacity building for health workers, data officers, epidemiologists, and laboratory personnel nationwide, risk communication and community engagement strategies among others.

Additionally, NCDC employs a One Health approach which integrates the human health, animal health and environmental health sectors for strengthening health security in Nigeria. This ensures a multi-sectoral approach to enhance disease surveillance at points of entry, research into diseases of public health relevance in Nigeria, and other activities to strengthen epidemic preparedness in Nigeria.

As NCDC continues to support and engage with states to improve subnational capacity for the detection, prevention, and response to COVID-19, we strongly urge State Ministries of Health, public and private agencies to invest in sustaining the successes achieved so far. Epidemic preparedness is essential to mitigating the economic and social impact of infectious disease outbreaks.

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

- **Developed plans for the fourth wave**
- **Ongoing engagement with high burden states on response to the fourth wave**
- **Ongoing supportive supervision for trained contact tracers in Akwa Ibom, Kaduna, Kano, and Oyo states**
- **Ongoing case finding and contact tracing in 15 states**
- **Ongoing media monitoring and social listening for COVID-19 updates and misinformation**
- **Developed and published a press release on the Celebrate responsibly campaign**
- **Developed and disseminated FAQs on the Omicron variant**
- **Held Social and Behavior Change (SBC) material review workshop in collaboration with our partners and MDAs supported by Breakthrough Action Nigeria (BA-N)**

- **Trained media and spokespersons in Bauchi and Oyo state by BA-N**
- **Trained Oyo, Sokoto and Bauchi state team on using social media for public health response**
- **Stakeholders' engagement meeting with persons with disabilities**
- **Launch celebrate responsibly campaign for the yuletide season**
- **Ongoing meeting with relevant stakeholders in preparations for the festive period**
- **Continue follow up with University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan and FCT on infection rise in the respective health facilities**
- **Ongoing dissemination of key messaging to focal persons across all States on 4th wave presence and issues regarding intervention prioritization**
- **Ongoing review and update of the National COVID-19 testing strategy**
- **Ongoing distribution of 400,000 RDT Kits to the 36 States for increased testing**
- **Donated 1250 and 1000 RDT Kits to the National Assembly clinic and National Primary Health Care Development Agency respectively**
- **On-going distribution of RDT kits to Lagos State Biobank Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory (CPHL), Yaba and Centre for Disease Control (CDC)**
- **Distributed Laboratory consumables, PPE, and IPC commodities to all 36 States Ministries of Health and Tertiary Health Care Facilities including the FCT in the month of December**
- 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 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 training of Biomedical Engineers on repair and maintenance of Oxygen equipment in collaboration with Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)
- Conducted case management training on Home Base Isolation Care in South-South and South-East Zones
- 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 ProHealth International (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 IPC training for Health workers of Secondary Health facilities in Adamawa, Bauchi, Cross River and Plateau states
- Supported the monitoring of compliance to protocols and NPI during the Shiloh and Holy Ghost Congress events in Ogun State
- Concluded support to the Home-based isolation care training for the South-West and North-West Zones
- Conducted refresher trainings and compliance monitoring across NYSC camps in the country
- Ongoing support for the implementation of Hand Hygiene practices and mentoring in Edo, Ebonyi, Ondo states and the FCT Secondary Health facilities
- Conducted SARS CoV-2 Reference Standard Review in collaboration with WHO & African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM).

- 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
- 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
- Concluded leaderships and strategic communication workshop for pillar members
- 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:

- Celebrate Responsibly Campaign: [NCDC Intensifies COVID-19 Awareness ahead of the Yuletide](#)
- 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/>